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Joint Guam Program Office executive director David F. Bice presented Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Friday a copy of the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation Final Environmental Impact Statement, which states that the expected population surge at least in Guam is reduced to some 41,000 compared to the original estimate of 80,000 in the draft EIS.

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Carolinians gather to oppose Interior report on nonresident workers

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A little over a hundred members of the Carolinian community, along with guests, gathered at the Civic Center in Susupe on Saturday afternoon to voice out their opposition to the U.S. Department of the Interior's report recommending improved immigration status to some 20,000 foreign workers in the CNMI.

The gathering also served as a campaign event for two delegate candidates

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, and his predecessor, former Gov. Juan N. Babauta, right, confer during a peaceful assembly of Carolinian members of the community at the Civic Center in Susupe on Saturday afternoon. The gathering was aimed at voicing out opposition to the U.S. Department of the Interior's report recommending improved immigration status for foreign workers in the CNMI.

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SSHS closes enrollment; refers new registrants to MHS

» **Principal: Overcrowding in core subject areas expected next school year**

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Due to a significant increase in enrollment for school year 2010-2011 and a lack of classroom facilities, Saipan Southern High School was forced to close its enrollment, according to principal Craig Garrison.

He said the school has al-

ready accepted 850 students for the coming school year which is already beyond the capacity of the school.

Garrison said SSHS was originally designed for only 750 students.

The principal admitted that due to the situation, the school is expecting oversized classes for core subject areas such as math.

Garrison said that SSHS was projected to receive nearly 1,200 students for next school year. Last year, the school opened up a zero period that started at 6:30am as well as a fifth period which began after school to accommodate the increase in enrollment.

For its math classes this year, he said SSHS has eight teachers and only four classrooms so classes are expected to start 6:30am to accommodate other math classes on the same classrooms.

Saipan Tribune learned that of the 850 enrolment cap for SSHS this school year, only 141 are new registrants and the rest are old students—sophomores and juniors.

Garrison said he is expecting the teacher-to-students ratio to reach over 35 for every teacher next school year.

Last Friday, PSS announced re-zoning of some areas in Koblerville and San Antonio to give way for other students to go to Marianas High School.



Garrison admitted that some parents have aired concern on the re-zoning of some areas because their children are being separated from each other.

Saipan Tribune learned that this year, parents are being notified that all "new" incoming students, including Hopwood Junior High School freshmen and private school transfers will be reporting to MHS. The principals of both schools and the PSS leadership met last week to discuss the logistics of the transfers and it was decided that the facilities at MHS could best handle the overflow in the absence of new classrooms at SSHS.

Last week, SSHS posted notices on the campus to inform all parents and the community of the impending adjustment. New students residing in the villages of Dandan, San Antonio, Aftenas, and Koblerville who cannot attend SSHS due to the enrollment cap will be bussed to MHS until such time that SSHS can build or acquire new facilities. All continuing students at SSHS will remain at SSHS.

MHS has about 1,200 students each school year and due to the re-bussing schedule, the population is expected to increase.

MHS principal Karen Borja is off-island when contacted Friday by Saipan Tribune.

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Borja says he's smart choice for delegate post

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CNMI Democratic Party's Jesus Borja said he's the smart choice among candidates vying for the post of Commonwealth representative to U.S. Congress in the November polls.

Borja, in an interview with reporters Friday, also urged the electorate to vote not only because of family ties with candidates but to seriously assess the character and qualification of the person who will represent them to the U.S. Congress.

Borja's camp began placing his campaign posters bearing the slogan "Smart Choice" all over Saipan last Saturday. More are expected to be erected in strategic locations on Tinian and Rota.

He is expected to formally file his candidacy this week at the Commonwealth Election Commission.

Borja described the U.S. dele-

gate position as unique and that the chosen candidate must know how to represent the islands to the national government.

He said as U.S. representative, two things have to be accomplished—first, ensure that legislation introduced in the U.S. Congress provides for the betterment of all Americans, including residents and citizens of the Commonwealth and must ensure that the rest of the U.S. never forget the people of Northern Marianas.

Secondly, he said the representative must serve as protector and defender of the Covenant with the U.S. government.

Borja will run against three other candidates including former governor Juan N. Babauta of the Republican Party, Covenant Party bet Joseph N. Camacho, and incumbent Congressman Gregorio Sablan.

Borja, however, is confident that he has a good chance at the upcoming election.

Since he formally an-

nounced his bid, Borja has started his house-to-house visits in communities and villages in all three islands.

"The feedback was very positive...and I am very thankful," he told reporters Friday noon.

Borja has been the legal counsel of Northern Marianas College and the Board of Regents. He said he intends to continue this duty despite his busy campaign schedule.

Borja served as the islands' lieutenant governor for four years from 1994 to 1998. He also served as associate justice for four years from 1989 to 1993. Also tucked in his belt are several years of legal practice on the island.

OPM: Civil service employees still not covered by 10-hour work cuts

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Thousands of civil service employees will continue to receive their 80-hour work salary per pay period, at least for now.

Personnel Management Director Isidro K. Seman said as of Friday, there is no decision to reduce the work hours by 10 and salary of 12.5 percent of civil service employees per pay period.

They are unlike some 400 contract or "excepted" service employees and gubernatorial employees in the Executive Branch whose work hours have been cut to 72 since May 23 as part of the Fitial administration's austerity measure.

"The administration continues to crunch out the numbers and I believe if it becomes necessary, then it will do the right thing. At this time, there is no decision to do so," Seman told *Saipan Tribune*, referring to civil service employees.

This comes at a time when an austerity program through legislation is still with a conference committee on House Bill 17-45,

following concerns raised by the Fitial administration.

The bill seeks to apply an across-the-board work cut from 80 to 72 hours per pay period among civil service and contract employees for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2010 and FY 2011.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said senators will meet with Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos today to further discuss the austerity bill.

Inos wanted more employees to be covered by the "austerity Fridays" to cut government spending.



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MILITARY*From Page 1*

The final EIS document will be available to the public in full on Friday, when it is published in the Federal Register.

The document has some 20,000 pages, Press Secretary Angel Demapan said.

Fitial, who met with Bice, along with JGPO forward director John Jackson around 11:30am on Friday, said the U.S. military still plans to set up training ranges on Tinian.

Some two-thirds of lands on Tinian are leased by the U.S. Department of Defense, and battalion level non-live fire training areas already exist on these leased parcels.

"They are going to put up some firing ranges, and they want to make sure there is safety, that they will be put in

place to prevent any accidents. In other words, everything that is in that impact statement is favorable to the CNMI," Fitial told reporters on Saturday. He did not want to elaborate.

Because Guam cannot accommodate all training for the relocating Marines from Okinawa, Japan, the U.S. military looks at Tinian to provide opportunities for training groups of 200 Marines or larger due to greater land availability.

The proposed actions on Tinian include firing ranges for rifle known distance, automated combat pistol, platoon battle course, field firing, and airspace use.

The Final EIS will report that Japan has agreed to provide \$740 million in financing for utilities upgrades, expansion and development associated with the Marine Corps relocation to Guam.

Over \$115 million in projects have also been requested or approved for U.S. Department of Defense funding,

with additional projects under consideration. DOD and USDA will also fund \$100 million in port improvement projects, which will increase the capacity to support both the buildup and the community's long-term needs.

JGPO, in a statement, said while there have been significant changes made to create the Final EIS, the entire document has not been revised.

"Most significantly, the proposed actions remain the same, as do the preferred alternatives for each action," it said.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo earlier expressed appreciation to the additional work done to address Guam's infrastructure concerns.

She said she remains concerned that the U.S. Navy still has significant work in addressing the selection of the Pagat cliff line as the preferred alternative for a firing range.

"I still believe that Tinian is a pre-

ferred location for this training," she said in a statement.

The Record of decision, which will be released in early September, is the final step in the National Environmental Policy Act. It is a document that states the decision, the alternatives considered, and mitigation plans.

Fitial also brought up the issue of the military buildup during a gathering of Carolinian members of the community and guests on Saturday, intended to voice out opposition to the U.S. Department of the Interior's report recommending improved status for foreign workers in the CNMI.

"I told my people here that the impact statement is favorable to the CNMI so I hope the Interior would learn a lesson from that. Instead of giving us a nega-

tive impact report or recommendation, they should be like the military (which gives us favorable report)," Fitial said.

White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Jackalyne Pfaffenstiel visited Guam last week to meet with Guam's leaders and community members to discuss the upcoming release of the Final EIS.

They were joined by Deputy Undersecretary of Defense Dorothy Robyn and representatives from federal agencies involved in the resolution of issues raised throughout the Draft EIS public comment period.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta was also in Guam last week, but did not go to Saipan.

the said report.

Babauta, for his part, said there is already a law that allows foreign workers to apply for U.S. citizenship or other immigration status, and that foreign workers in the CNMI should comply with the same requirements as others applying for such status.

"If anybody wants to become a U.S. citizen, they should stand in line...for fairness," he told the crowd.

He said the focus of the debate should not be about the granting of U.S. citizenship, but on the CNMI economy, specifically the number of foreign workers needed to sustain and grow the local economy.

"If our delegate is doing his job, we won't be having this discussion today," said Babauta, who is also a former resident representative of the CNMI to Washington, D.C.

The Interior report, submitted to the U.S. Congress in April, recommends five options that include granting long-term alien workers permanent residency status, U.S. citizenship or a status similar to those granted to citizens of the Freely Associated States.

Dolores Rasiang, a Dandan resident, said she attended the Carolinian gathering to learn more about the referendum and the Interior report.

"I don't support the Interior report 100,000 percent because I want to protect my land," she said.

Saturday's gathering was reminiscent of the May 29 peaceful assembly held by indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians also to show their opposition to the Interior report. Nonresidents also held a peaceful assembly showing support to the Interior report and recommendations.

Fitial, in an interview later, said he wrote another letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, asking him to respond to his previous letter.

The governor asked Salazar to withdraw the Interior report recommending long-term immigration status for alien workers who have been in the CNMI for at least five years.

Besides Fitial, Camacho, and Babauta, the others who spoke at the Carolinian assembly included Indigenous Affairs Office resident executive director Ignacio Demapan, Carolinian Affairs executive assistant Angie Iginoef-Managarero, Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogu-moro (Cov-Saipan), former Speaker Oscar Rasa, Deputy Labor Secretary Cinta M. Kaipat, Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao, and Leon I. Taisacan.

Other lawmakers present at the gathering were Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), who earlier said that the Interior report will destroy the CNMI.

CUC*From Page 1*

with these stipulated orders is set for Aug. 4 in the U.S. District Court, he said.

Fitial said without adequate workforce, CUC would not be able to meet federal court deadlines for the stipulated orders, as well as increase rates for CUC consumers over the longer term.

"The EPA has already imposed stipulated order penalties; it recently required the payment of a \$140,000 penalty," the governor said in his 24-page extension of emergency declaration for CUC.

The governor said between July and September 2010, over 18 CUC employment contracts for technical specialists who are non-U.S. citizens will require renewal. He suspended the moratorium on the hiring of foreign workers and specialists for CUC.

"Failure to timely renew could cripple CUC's efforts to provide service and meet federal requirements," he added.

EPA also urged CUC to completely remove used oil from Tank 104 by this Friday, July 30, instead of the original deadline of October 2010.

Gresco, which CUC hired to remove waste oil from Tank 104, transferred almost 180,000 gallons of used oil to Guam by July 15.

This, after CUC found two additional special doubled-walled "ISO" tanks for use in the project, to add capacity to Gresco's six tanks.

Stipulated orders

Fitial said CUC is doing its best to comply with the March 2009 stipulated orders' requirements and deadlines.

He said CUC submitted an interim financial plan on March 26, but EPA has yet to approve it.

The stipulated orders represent the agreement between the CNMI and EPA, based on the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Stipulated Order 1 requires CUC to create a new management and financial structure, and is related to CUC's inadequacy to provide potable drinking water and wastewater services.

Stipulated Order 2 involves the lack of infrastructure for safe fuel storage, handling and transfer facilities of the power generation facilities, and power distribution, including possible environmental site cleanup.

Fitial said EPA, on July 21, filed

a status report with the U.S. District Court for the CNMI, which is highly critical of the progress of CUC's efforts to comply with the stipulated order 1's requirements to solve the water and wastewater situations.

"It included a statement that tests in June and July each showed violation of the maximum contaminant level drinking water standard for total coliform bacteria. A hearing before the court is scheduled for Aug. 4, 2010. The prior status hearing resulted in the additional stipulated order addressed elsewhere in this executive order," Fitial said.

The governor said on May 11, CUC submitted to EPA a draft organization evaluation and reorganization plan.

"But on June 14, 2010, the EPA assessed CUC a \$140,000 penalty for failing to submit timely such a plan. EPA has yet to approve a master plan for CUC. In a July 1, 2010 official letter, EPA stated its belief that CUC still lacked the technical capability to put together 'adequate' submissions. Importantly, CUC requires a functioning management, including a properly empowered executive director to forestall any such additional EPA punitive action," Fitial said.

CUC currently has only an acting executive director, Abe Malae.

Hiring ban lifted

The governor, in his extension of the CUC emergency declaration on Thursday, suspended a moratorium on hiring non-U.S. citizens so that CUC could hire for some 20 vacancies, as well as renew the contracts of its 18 technical and professional personnel who are non-U.S. citizens.

CUC is currently advertising for some 20 vacancies, including the executive director, wastewater distribution manager, wastewater manager, five engineers, a general counsel, an internal auditor, a grants writer and/or a grants specialist, and two wastewater treatment/distribution levels 1 and 2 operators for Rota.

The utilities agency also seeks to renew 18 technical and professional contracts for non-U.S. citizens.

"Without these positions filled, CUC's operations would be severely compromised," Fitial said in his 24-page extended emergency declaration.

The governor said the Legislature, through Public Law 17-1, has limited CUC's ability to hire technical staff.

He said the new law eliminated prior statutory permission to hire up to 19 foreign workers, and reinstated a

moratorium on the government's hiring of foreign nationals, even if needed for highly technical positions for which no local or mainland U.S. citizens are available.

The CUC Act, as subsequently re-enacted by Public Law 16-17, provides that CUC shall hire such persons as are necessary for operations, "except as otherwise limited by other law."

Rota

Fitial said two 0.9-megawatt Cummins generating sets were brought to Rota from Power Plant 4 on Saipan to augment the power generation on Rota, thanks to funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

"These two generating sets should be commissioned by the end of July 2010," the governor said.

Rota has experienced blackouts from inadequate generator maintenance. The island's power plant needed additional generating sets to come online, as there are only 1.5 dependable sets in the plant.

A third of two feeders was, until June 2010, powered by Rota Resort, a private resort, at a cost of \$200,000 a month to CUC.

Sewer, water

The Sadog Tasi wastewater treatment plant is undergoing long-planned rehabilitation.

However, due to equipment malfunctions, sludge is not pressed, which may have produced unacceptably high levels of enterococci in effluents from both the Sadog Tasi and Atingan Point treatment plants in July, Fitial said.

In July, there was also a sewer blockage in the Chalan Kanoa and Susupe areas, and CUC lacked the equipment to repair it. Its usual contractor also suffered equipment problems, the governor said.

The CNMI dry season brought below normal rainfalls into June 2010. With the rainy season, the aquifers are only slowly replenished.

As a result, Garapan is seeing in July fewer hours of water service. The Kagman booster pump also failed in July, and until it is replaced, the Papago area will see less water delivered.

CUC's decades-old financial and accounting system computer failed repeatedly the past few months. It failed again on July 19.

As a result, finance and accounting staffers had to put in days of extra time in hand-recording customer payments, and hand-generating bills.

Fitial first declared a state of emergency for CUC in August 2008.

with Carolinian blood—former Gov. Juan N. Babauta and former House Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who is a Carolinian, encouraged those at the assembly to participate in a referendum asking their opinion on the Interior report, should such question be posed in the November 2010 elections.

A referendum, also known as a plebiscite or a ballot question, is a direct vote in which an entire electorate is asked to either accept or reject a particular proposal.

Fitial said the specific question to be asked is now being worked on, and is expected to be included in the Nov. 2 ballot.

Fitial addressed the crowd in Carolinian language for 17 minutes which started at 1:57pm.

In his speech, he reiterated the Interior's failure to consult with him or the CNMI government before releasing the report to the U.S. Congress. He said Public Law 110-229 or the federalization law requires such consultation.

The governor also described the Interior report as "seriously defective," adding that the conclusions regarding the CNMI economy and future need for foreign workers are rebutted by publicly available data and professional economic analysis.

Fitial's reasons for opposing the report also include failure to consider the potential impact of the recommendations on unemployed U.S. citizens in the CNMI and the ability of the CNMI to provide essential public services to its residents. He said any change in status should be considered only in the context of overall immigration reform in the U.S.

Camacho echoed Fitial's opposition to the Interior report, saying it violated the federalization law. Because of the lack of consultation, the Interior report bore a "one-sided recommendation."

He said he would like to see all able-bodied U.S. citizens in the CNMI to be working either in government or the private sector, and only then should foreign workers be allowed to fill in other positions.

Camacho said he is now working with Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) in establishing a master list of available jobs in government and private sector.

Deleon Guerrero drafted a resolution asking U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife chair Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-Guam) to "reject" the Interior report and conduct hearings in the CNMI on

Local program that enforces underage drinking law gets national award

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The CNMI Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program has recently been selected as the recipient of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs National Success Story Award for 2010.

Executive director Jerome Ierome of the Criminal Justice Planning Agency, which administers the EUDL program under the Office of the Governor, said in a statement that they were informed about the selection through an e-mail from Mary V. Gordon of the Underage Drink-

ing Enforcement Training Center in Washington, D.C.

"On behalf of the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center, I am pleased to inform you that your territory has been selected as one of the recipients of the 2010 OJJDP Success Story Award," read the e-mail.

Ierome said the award will be presented to CJPA during the closing plenary session of the 12th Annual National EUDL Leadership Conference to be held in Anaheim, California on Aug. 20.

Together with other U.S. territories, the CNMI initially received the EUDL grant funding in 2008 from the U.S. Department of Justice to help curb the

availability of alcohol to minors.

Through the funding, CJPA was able to implement the EUDL program by increasing community awareness and coordinating efforts in the enforcement of the law and the prosecution of its violators.

Title 4 Division 5 Section 5559 (a) of the Commonwealth Code states that "no person shall sell, give, serve, or permit his agent to sell, give, or serve any person who is under the age of 21 years and no person under the age of 21 years shall purchase, possess, or consume any alcohol beverage."

Ierome said he is pleased with the award and recognition,

acknowledging the support of CJPA's hardworking partners, their commitment and untiring efforts in implementing the EUDL program in the CNMI.

"This is our justification to the Office of Justice Programs to showcase our territory's exceptional investment of federal dollars awarded to CNMI, and it will serve as a stepping stone to best practices and accountability recognition, and there is no better way to put the CNMI in the eyes of all 50 states and four other territories than this," he said.

According to Ierome, the success of the EUDL program was made possible through the

strong support of the CNMI Youth Advisory Council and the Juvenile Justice Task Force.

"The effective implementation of [EUDL program] has resulted in several successful youth and community prevention and outreach events as well as the enforcement, citation, and arrest of individuals from non compliant establishments," he said.

Ierome recognized Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, past members of the Supervisory Council of CJPA, and the Youth Advisory Council "for their guidance, leadership, and support."

He also acknowledged the EUDL Task Force and all other

related agencies "who made true sacrifices to push forward the successful implementation of the EUDL program."

Ierome also commended the CJPA team, particularly EUDL program coordinator Vincent N. Camacho, Jr. "for the courage and hard work to assure [that] funding requirements are prioritized."

He assured the continued enforcement and outreach efforts of the EUDL Task Force and its partners, adding that they strongly encourage businesses and all community members to support their efforts in addressing underage drinking issues in the CNMI for the safety of the youth and the community.

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July 26, 2010

Governor Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Governor Eloy Inos, and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairperson, Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, wish to announce that NMHC has revised its FY 2011 5-Year and Annual Plan and is available for the public's review and comments. The 5-Year and Annual Plan encompasses the goals, objectives, and strategies of NMHC's Program and Housing Division and the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8). Comments may be directed to:

Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto
Corporate Director
NMHC Central Office
P.O. Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950

Comments may also be faxed to (670) 234-9021. The 5-Year and Annual Plan is also available for public review and comment at NMHC's Central Office located on Micro Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, as well as at the respective NMHC Field Offices on Tinian and Rota during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, except on CNMI holidays. The deadline for the comment period is at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 24, 2010.

/s/
Joshua T. Sasamoto
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"STRUCTURED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SINAPALO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ROTA JR. HIGH AND ROTA HIGH SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in "**Providing Structured Professional Development for Sinapalo Elementary, Rota Jr. High and Rota High School.**" The Scope of Work is available beginning Monday, July 19, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions may be faxed to Ms. Vanessa Hocog, Principal, Sinapalo Elementary School at (670) 532-9523 or e-mailed to vanessa.hocog@cnmipss.org no later than August 3, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-086" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PSS RFP 10-087

"COACHING AND TRAINING FOR WILLIAM S. REYES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL"

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from individuals or firms interested in "**Providing Coaching and Training for William S. Reyes Elementary School.**" The Scope of Work is available beginning Monday, July 19, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions may be faxed to Ms. Naomi Nishimura at (670) 664-3973 or e-mailed to naomi.nishimura@cnmipss.org no later than August 3, 2010.

Proposals shall be in a sealed envelope marked "RFP 10-087" containing (1) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Ofice no later than 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Any proposal submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

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Kilili spent the most on food among US House members

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REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), the CNMI's first delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, spent the most on food compared to all other House lawmakers in the nation between late 2009 and early 2010, with a tab of \$23,457.

Following him are Texas Republican Michael Burgess, who racked up a tab of \$17,515; Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo with a tab of \$17,374; U.S. House Judiciary Committee chair Rep. John Conyers with \$16,157; and U.S. House Minority Whip Eric Cantor with \$13,454.

These figures are based on the Sunlight Foundation's House Expenditure Reports



Database.

The Sunlight Foundation is a nonpartisan nonprofit that uses technology to try to make government more transparent. One way it does that is to release massive, searchable databases culled from the House of Representatives' expense reports. This is done in cooperation with the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call.

The U.S. House of Representatives spent \$2.6 million on food and beverages for representatives and their staffers during a nine-month period between late 2009 and early 2010.

Reports labeled Sablan the "hungriest guy in the House" for topping the list of members who spent most on food.

The \$23,457 include \$5,127 spent in Sablan's name specifically; \$3,000 spent at the

Hyatt Regency Saipan by his staffers; and \$3,000 spent with Washington, D.C. caterer CapitolHost by his staffers.

Sablan could not be immediately reached for comment yesterday.

Reports about congressional expenses came over a year after Sablan ranked third among the thriftiest House members, trailing behind Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.) and Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-N.J.), each of whom spent less than \$175,000.

An office's budget—called the Member's Representative Allowance—is meant to cover the day-to-day costs of running a congressional office: staff payroll, travel expenses, rent for district offices, and the like. The average MRA for 2009 is nearly \$1.5 million, up almost \$100,000 over 2008. In 2010, Sablan's MRA is over \$1.55 million.

Ex-convict accused of burglarizing employer gets six-month jail term

The federal court on Friday sentenced to six months in prison an ex-convict who, while on federal probation, violated the terms of his supervised release, including the allegation he burglarized his then employer, Saint Michael's Medical Response.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Robert J. Bryan revoked the probation of Jesse Mafnas Babauta and sentenced him to six months in prison.

Bryan said upon release from imprisonment, Babauta will be placed on supervised release for two years.

During the supervised release, the judge said the defendant will be prohibited from entering into any poker rooms or participating in any gambling activities.

Bryan ordered Babauta to pay a \$1,250 restitution to

St. Michael's Emergency Response and to LF Market in Chalan Kanoa in the amount of \$180 (in addition to restitution already outlined in the original judgment against him).

At the hearing, assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler argued the violations, while Babauta's court-appointed counsel did not make arguments.

Schuler moved for revocation of the probation and asked the court to send the defendant to jail for six months and place on 24 months of supervised release with restitution.

The defense counsel moved for home detention and supervised release.

Babauta was convicted of mail fraud in March this year for defrauding a Chinese national with promises of bringing the Chinese man's daughter to Saipan from Fujian Province in exchange for payment. Per-

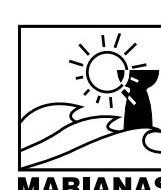
sons from the Fujian Province cannot lawfully enter the CNMI without advance written permission from the CNMI Office of the Attorney General.

Babauta was ordered to serve a three-year term of probation with a condition that he complete 120 days of weekend detention prior to the expiration of his term.

The U.S. Probation's Office recently moved to revoke Babauta's probation for failing to comply with four conditions.

The U.S. Probation's Office stated that, on May 12, 2010, the president and owner of Saint Michael's Medical Response, reported that Babauta was suspected of stealing the company's checks.

Some of the checks were forged and cashed in different stores on Saipan. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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/s/ HERMAN SABLAM
Director, P&S

/s/ PERRY P.TENORIO
Managing Director

CNMI, Guam have high resolution rate on employment disputes

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

An official of the Guam-CNMI committee of the Employer Support of The Guard and Reserve pronounced that it has a high rate of resolved issues and conflicts between Guards and Reserves and their employers in the country.

David J. Sablan, Vice Chairman and Ombudsman Service Director, said Friday that the resolution rate in Guam and CNMI is always above the 90-percent level, with the rate for Guam in fiscal year 2009 established at 92 percent which was the highest in the United States.

The Ombudsman Services Program of the ESGR provides information, counseling, and mediation of issues relating to compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

The program is made up of ESGR ombudsmen who serve as arbitrators in resolving issues and conflicts between civilian employers and their employees serving in the Guard and Reserve.

"We're trending higher than the national average which is about 85-percent... We're doing very well in resolving these issues," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* after the 'Briefing with the

Boss' activity held at Laolao Bay Golf Resort last July 23.

Sablan attributed the high resolution rate to the islands' love and commitment for their country.

"This implies that we're very patriotic out here. Employers deal with the absences of their service member employees," he said.

Donald Clark, Employer Outreach Director of the Guam Committee, acknowledged the significant role played by these civilian employers.

"Employers are a vital link to our national security. Employer support of our troops exemplifies the patriotic spirit that is alive and well in our great nation," said Clark.

Sablan noted that employers who have employees serving in the Guard and Reserve express frustration in the beginning when dealing with their employees' absences and tardiness at work.

Sablan said ESGR, through opportunities such as the 'Briefing with the Boss' meetings, explains to these employers that the Guard and Reserve are distinct types of employees because they have an oath to defend the freedom of their country and its people.

"They have 'another duty that is much greater than any other employee' within that

organization, thereby validating the need to 'look at that individual differently.'

"There are certain dynamics that are very specific to service member employees in an organization. When you put it in that context... [the employers] immediately change their attitude and comply," Sablan explained.

ESGR State chair and retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Benny M. Paulino also took into consideration the size of the community on Saipan and Guam as another factor why conflicts are easily resolved.

"We're small, we know each other and so it's not that hard to contact the boss or the company," he said, adding that employers on the islands "want to do what's right for the troops."

ESGR Saipan Committee volunteer Mariano Fajardo said the "Briefing with the Boss" was attended by 23 employers from both government agencies and the private sector.

During the event, Sablan discussed the USERRA which protects the rights and responsibilities of members of the National Guard and Reserve and their civilian employers.

Sablan added that they conduct these meetings regularly to encourage 'positive reaction' among employers in CNMI and Guam in supporting their uni-

formed service employees.

Established in 1972 under the Department of Defense,

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Microl joins the 2010 TOC with hole-in-one prize



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Microl Corp. general manager Doug Brennan, second from right, and TOC tournament director Ben Babauta, second from left, pose in front of the 2010 Toyota Yaris the autodealership is putting up as a hole-in-one prize in the 2010 Tournament of Champions set for this weekend at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

A 2010 Toyota Yaris will be waiting for the lucky 2010 Tournament of Champions golfer who can get a hole-in-one in the west course's No. 3 hole at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

Celebrating its 15th Anniversary, the TOC will bring two days of golf and exciting prizes to Saipan this weekend.

Microl Corp. general manager Doug Brennan said "We are proud to be a part of TOC and have seen what the beautification fund has done for Saipan. We hope someone will win the Yaris at this weekend's tourna-

ment," he said.

Since its inception, TOC has given over \$500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund which has gone directly to the improvements of the tree-lined traffic medians that stretch from Garapan to The Palms at Pau Pau, as well as the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, the lighting of the Saipan Beach Pathway, and most recently the beautification of the Port to Park pathway.

"Microl has shown their

commitment to TOC and we are grateful for their participation and support. Our golfers are looking forward to the chance to try for a hole in one," said TOC tournament director Ben Babauta.

The 15th Annual Tournament of Champions will take place on Saturday and Sunday, July 31 and Aug. 1, at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort. Show time is 6am and shotgun start is 7am. The Registration fee is \$175 for two days of golf and the banquet. For more information and to register, call 236-2511. (TOC)

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NMC picks O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes to handle Fernandez lawsuit

The Northern Marianas College and the Board of Regents have chosen the law office of O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes to represent them in the lawsuit filed against them in federal court by former NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez.

NMC interim president Loraine T. Cabrera said Friday that the law firm bested two other law companies that submitted proposals to the college. Atty. Michael Dotts will serve as the head legal counsel from the firm.

Cabrera said O'Connor Berman Dotts & Banes' selection was based on the recommenda-

tion of the committee that reviewed all the proposals using rubrics and standards.

"There was a committee that reviewed all the proposals. Rubrics were used to rate each proposal according to the scope and requirements," she told *Saipan Tribune* after more than two hours executive session of the board last Friday noon.

NMC posted the announcement soon after the institution and some members of the board were named respondents in Fernandez's lawsuit. The request for proposals for litigation and legal counseling services was opened on June 15 through July 14.

Fernandez recently sued

the college and four regents for wrongful termination and defamation. They included chairperson Janet King and regents Maria Paz Younis, Frank Rabauliman, and Andrew Orsini. All four voted to suspend and later terminate the contract of the former college president based on the findings of twin investigations conducted by Attorney General's Office and Guam-based Cabot Manantan who was then hired to specifically handle Fernandez's suspension.

NMC has retained its legal counsel Jesus Borja, who will continue to provide legal guidance and advice to the college.

Fernandez sued the four regents for allegedly depriving her of her good name and property, conspiracy, defamation, and conspiracy to defame her while she sued NMC for alleged wrongful termination and breach of contract.

Fernandez, through counsel Brien Sers Nicholas, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order NMC and the board to pay her damages, attorney's fees, and court costs. She also demanded a jury trial.

Fernandez's contract with NMC was for a term of four years, from May 7, 2009 through May 6, 2013. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 26, 1999

New law allows NMC to invest donations, fed grants

The Northern Marianas College can now invest the federal grants and other outside financial assistance it receives every year into income-generating activities to meet its mounting obligations. According to a recently-signed law, the NMC Board of Regents will be granted authority to tap Land Grant Endowment Funds and other contributions donated or raised by the college for investments, such as bonds and loans. Acting Gov. Jesus R. Sablan said Public Law 11-85 would help the CNMI's lone higher learning institution deal with the dwindling budget provided by the government. "This measure is timely in light of the current economic situation, which has also affected (NMC)," he said in his letter to the presiding officers of the Legislature.

Bill to cut water rates for farmers recalled

Deferring to the request of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Rota Rep. Alejo M. Mendiola has recalled a proposed legislation setting new water rate for farmers on the island in favor of a resolution to ask CUC to implement the lower utility charges. The proposed water rates are 25 cents per thousand gallons for the irrigation of farm land and 30 cents per thousand gallons for the watering of livestock that includes poultry, cattle, goats and pigs. The move is intended to help local farmers deal with the rising costs of maintaining farm lands as well as in tending to vegetables and livestock for commercial production.

July 26, 2000

FAA pledges funding for Rota airport improvement

Efforts by the local government of Rota to secure funding for the much needed rehabilitation of the island's air transport facility is beginning to bear good fruits after the Federal Aviation Administration has pledged funding for the project. FAA-Western Pacific Airports District acting manager Daniel S. Matsumoto said the agency anticipates funding for the project under its Fiscal Year 2000 allocation which begins October 1, 2000. In a letter to Commonwealth Ports Authority Executive Director Carlos H. Salas, Mr. Matsumoto said the project was originally designed to be financed through an appropriation from the CNMI government, but that FAA has decided Airport Improvement Project funds may now be used to undertake the repair.

DOF recommends spending within means

As economic forecasts remain bleak for the Northern Marianas, the Department of Finance is suggesting that the CNMI government continue to spend within the projected available resources in an apparent move to continue significant reduction in outstanding budget deficit. Acting Revenue and Taxation Director Dora S. Taitingfong said this is the reason why the finance department is recommending a Fiscal Year 2001 budget ceiling that is only about \$5 million higher than the submitted proposal for this fiscal year. Finance Secretary Lucy Nielsen said the government is anticipating to generate no more than \$216 million in total local revenues in the next fiscal year. DOF is proposing a ceiling of \$216 million for FY2001.

July 26, 2001

NMC plans to adopt uniform tuition for resident students

A proposal to adopt a uniform tuition for Northern Marianas College resident students is up for discussion among college heads. The proposal came in light of the steps taken by the Board of Regents to restructure student tuition and fees that are in line with the CNMI's economic climate. College officials are looking at leveling the resident student tuition rate to a uniform \$65 per credit across all course levels. Under the present set up, the NMC offers its below 300-level courses at \$65 per credit while courses 300-level and above cost \$80 per credit.

Accord reached in Marpi landfill case

The parties to the legal battle involving the bidding for the Marpi Solid Waste Facility have decided to end the clash, requesting the court yesterday to dismiss the case after reaching an agreement. Attached in the 3-page pleading, known as a "Joint Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Agreement and Stipulation," is a proposed order submitted to Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama. The draft order read: "The Court, having reviewed the Joint Motion to Dismiss Pursuant to Agreement and Stipulation filed by the parties in this cause, is of the opinion the motion should be, and hereby is, granted. It is, therefore, ordered, that this case is dismissed pursuant to the agreement of the parties."

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



Opening Date: Thursday, July 15, 2010

Closing Date: August 13, 2010



JVA NO.	Position Title	Positions (s)	*Salary	Contract	Location
10-002-1	Drinking Water and Wastewater Division Manager (DM)	1	\$60,000 to \$75,000 per year; un-graded, un-classified	Two years	Water and Wastewater Divisions, Saipan
10-005-2	Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations Supervisor Saipan) ("OS")	1	\$55,000 to \$ 65,000 per year; un-graded, un-classified	Two years	Wastewater Division, Saipan
10-029	Wastewater Treatment Level 2 Certified	2	\$35,000 To \$42,500 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Wastewater Division, Saipan
10-030	Wastewater Collection Level 2 Certified	2	\$35,000 To \$42,500 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Wastewater Division, Saipan
10-031	Water Treatment Level 1 Certified	1	\$30,000 To \$40,000 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Water Section, Rota
10-032	Water Distribution Level 2 Certified	1	\$35,000 To \$42,500 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Water Section, Rota

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JVA NO.	Position Title	Positions (s)	*Salary	Contract	Location
10-033	Grants Officer	1	\$35,000 to \$49,000 per year; un-graded, un-classified	Two years	Water and Wastewater Divisions, Saipan
10-034	Grants Specialist	1	\$33,000 to \$46,000 per year; un-graded, un-classified	Two years	Water and Wastewater Divisions, Saipan
10-035	Engineer	3	\$43,000 To \$60,000 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Water and Wastewater Divisions, Saipan
10-036	Engineer	2	\$33,000 To \$50,000 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Water and Wastewater Divisions, Saipan
10-037	Senior Engineer	2	\$75,000 To \$90,000 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Water and Wastewater Divisions, Saipan

Opening Date: Thursday, July 20, 2010

Closing Date: August 19, 2010

JVA NO.	Position Title	Positions (s)	*Salary	Contract	Location
10-038	Internal Auditor	1	\$30,000 To \$40,000 per year un-graded; un-classified	Two Years	Chief Financial Officer Divisions, Saipan

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Defendant ordered to spend 7 months in jail for violation supervised release

The federal court on Friday revoked the supervised release of a man who admitted using methamphetamine or "ice" and marijuana while on probation.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Robert J. Bryan revoked the supervised release of Nestor Camacho Taitano and sentenced him to seven months in prison.

Bryan said that while in prison, it is recommended that Taitano participate in a substance abuse program.

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant will be placed on supervised release for 29 months.

During the supervised release, Taitano is prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverages and possessing and using controlled substance.

Taitano will also be required, among other things, to submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two drug tests thereafter, not to exceed eight tests per month.

The judge ordered the defendant to pay a \$150 restitution jointly with co-defendants Kisha King and Lucas Manglona to the victim.

At the hearing, Taitano admitted the violations of his supervised release. His court-appointed lawyer recommended home detention, supervised

release with drug treatment and abuse counseling.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto recommended seven months in

prison and 29 months of supervised release.

In November 2009, the federal court sentenced Taitano to time already served (159 days)

for two counts of conspiracy to utter counterfeit obligations and securities, and two counts of uttering counterfeit obligations and securities. He was

placed on supervised probation for three years beginning Nov. 18, 2009.

U.S. Probation Officer Melinda N. Brunson recently

sought the revocation of Taitano's probation after he made his third admission this year of using "ice" and marijuana. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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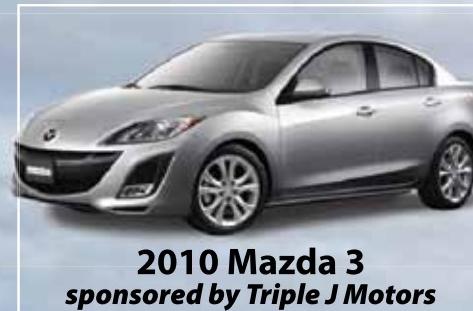
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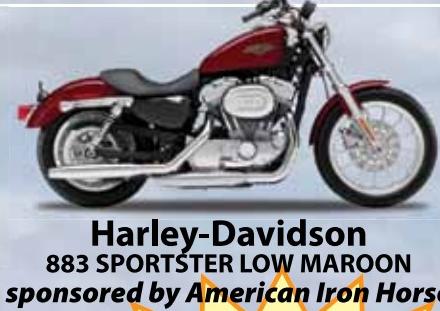
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You can't explain away climate change

You probably won't hear it from columnist George F. Will, Fox News commentators or the plethora of conservative blogs that have claimed global warming essentially stopped in 1998, but recent figures released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration show that global land and ocean surface temperatures in June were the highest since record-keeping began in 1880. What's more, the first half of 2010 was the hottest such period ever recorded, and Arctic sea ice melted at a record-setting pace in June.

The heat can probably be attributed at least in part to periodic and entirely natural changes in ocean temperatures and surface air pressure—the El Niño/La Niña phenomena most likely played a role. But the fact that peak years are getting hotter while even relatively “cool” years now tend to remain above historical averages (the 10 warmest years on record all occurred within the last 15 years, according to the NOAA) shows that something else is at work. A consensus of climate scientists worldwide, including not only the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change but the national scientific academies of the United States and the rest of the developed world, have identified that “something else” as anthropogenic (human-caused) greenhouse gases, which reflect the sun’s heat back onto the Earth rather than letting it escape into space.

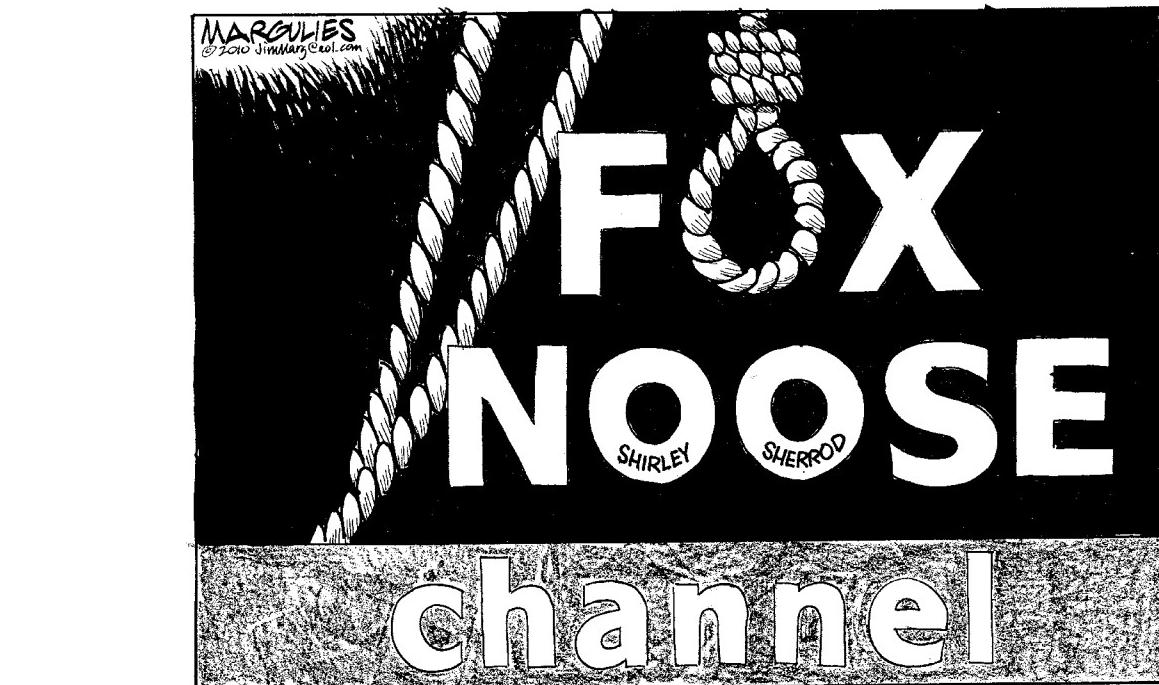
Climate skeptics such as Will et al either deny that this warming is happening—an increasingly untenable position in the face of overwhelming evidence that it is—or insist that it doesn’t matter. They argue that it would be more expensive to try to solve the problem than to adapt to it, and that in any case, the effects of higher temperatures won’t be all that damaging. Climate modelers, who have accurately forecast the currently observed climate oscillations, sea-level rise and ice melting, do not agree. They predict catastrophic destruction in coastal cities, droughts, crop failure, forest loss, insect infestations and other woes.

For us, it’s not a difficult decision which side to believe: scientists who directly observe and measure climate changes and whose accuracy is rigorously tested by their peers, or pundits with little knowledge of climate science whose views are informed by a long-held resentment of environmentalists and government regulation. Yet the latter group, working hand in hand with big energy companies that profit from the filthy status quo, have injected enough doubt into the national debate to paralyze Congress—which seems little closer to imposing greenhouse-gas limits or placing a market price on emissions than it was during the laissez-faire George W. Bush administration—and confuse the public, who in recent polls are increasingly inclined to believe that the threat of climate change has been exaggerated.

Granted, scientists themselves deserve some blame for the shift in attitudes. Climatology, even more than other fields, is undergoing changes that are unsettling for those in the trenches. A relatively obscure line of work until policymakers started seriously considering carbon curbs in recent years, climate science is suddenly at the center of a raging international debate. Meanwhile, a sedate culture of publication and private peer review has been roiled by a new media environment; today, critics of a scientist’s work don’t have to publish a carefully reviewed study in a major journal, they just have to fire off an indignant blog post.

When scientists at the prestigious Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia responded to such critics by sending cat-

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The first step to making a change in ourselves

How many times have we wondered why we don’t seem to get ahead in life while others do? Maybe we need to examine what we are doing with ourselves. Follow me as we explore our life. As the old Greek philosopher Socrates once remarked: “The unexamined life is not worth living.”

Could it be that too many of us just float from day to day barely reflecting what is happening to us and where we are headed? How do others get ahead and we don’t seem to? Have we ever examined ourselves? Let’s ask ourselves some questions. Let’s do it now.

As we examine our lives, we will begin to notice that our personal actions also reflect the kind of community we have. Remember that a community only changes for better or for worse as we change. It is neither the government nor outside forces that make a community good or bad, but we citizens.

The first step to any improvement must start with us. Let’s begin with an assessment. From the results, we start the transformation. Please let’s be truthful with ourselves. If we don’t wish to, stop reading here and turn to another page.

How often do we enjoy a good meal? How often do we suck up the brew and the snacks that go with it? When we glance in the mirror do we notice physical changes such as a bigger girth? But when was the last time we fed our minds? “Okay, okay, I hear what you are saying. So what do I do now?”

Let start with a personal inventory of the past months and use them as a benchmark. Please be honest with yourself. This is a quiz in which no one else but you will know the answers.

A. Personal life:

What did I do in 2010 to improve myself? Have I read any books? Did I read any magazines about world affairs? Did I seek out new ideas and use them? How many new vocabulary words have I learned this past year? Did I strive to improve relations with my spouse, children, friends, co-workers? Did I learn any new hobbies? Did I study any subject to better myself? What did I do to become a better person? Specifically, what did I do to broaden my mental and spiritual attributes? Or did I merely consume mountains of meat, rice and beer—thereby expanding only my waistline?

B. Business and Work Life:

Did I try to improve my business and work habits? Did I seek better relations with my customers or fellow employees? Did I learn new methods of doing my work smarter, not harder? Do I just do the same routine throughout the year? Do I merely complain and hate the work I do without trying to find means and ways to make my work pleasant? Do I offer suggestions to my boss about improving our work place? Am I just occupying space and waiting for retirement day? Simply out, what did I do to become a better employer or a better employee?

C. Social and Community Life:

Did I attend meetings of clubs or associations? Do I belong to any? If not, why not? Did I participate in the religious life of the community? Did I reach out and help anyone less fortunate than me? Did I concern myself with the social problems that beset my community? Or do I merely complain and do nothing about them? What charitable and voluntary work did I do in the community? Basically, what did I give of myself to better the society I live in?

These are only a few of the questions we should be asking ourselves as we take a personal inventory. Are we trying to do better

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or just floating? Will we be able to look in the mirror and be proud of our developments say in another six months? Or are we going to continue feeding just our stomachs and not our heads?

A helpful suggestion is to write down on a piece of paper what we plan to improve. Carry that paper in our pocket and pull it out and glance at it often as a reminder. Or write down what we plan to do and seal the thoughts in an envelope. A few months later open the envelope and read the determinations we promised ourselves. Unless we do something like this, we will forget the ideas and continue feeding just the stomach, forgetting that the mind must also be fed. No, no—don’t tell me you are too busy!

It’s funny how few of us really take our direction in life seriously. We seem to float in a stream and wherever that stream flows, regardless of how fast or slow, we just drift along in it. Finally when we hit an embankment, we cannot figure out what happened to us. Then to justify our failure, we blame others or the government for our misfortune. We never seem to ask ourselves: Why didn’t I succeed better in life? What did I fail to do??

Remember when we point a finger at others to blame, three fingers always point back to us. I have said it before: Some men/women die at 25 years old but are not buried until 75 years old. Are you one of them? Are you a walking zombie? It is not too late to wake up and start living.

I have always wondered how many of us have college degrees. Why don’t we have one? Why not start now? “What? I am too old.” I can hear the remarks. My sister was 59 years old when she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She is now 88 years old. And she is as sharp as a whip. She refuses to stop improving herself. How many of us in government jobs ever think about getting a degree? You know it is easy today. All you have to do is open the computer and register for an online course in almost any subject or interest. Do it!

Success has been defined as the “progressive realization of a worthy goal.” What is our goal? Define it and begin the journey towards our “progressive goal.” Take the personal inventory above seriously and answer each question truthfully to yourself.

I strongly suggest you also surf the internet searching for other people who have overcome various obstacles. These people examined their lives and decided to make improvements. You can read books if you wish. You can talk to successful people, but it all boils down to: Will I or will I not begin to make improvements in my life?

Begin the journey now! Remember only you can make changes in your life and in your community. But it takes great effort and perspiration. No one else can do it for you.

If you think I have been too preachy, yes, I have been and intend to continue to. If we don’t start to examine where we are heading for, how can we expect our society to become better? How can we expect to enjoy our lives better? It takes desire and will power to truly enjoy life. I am immensely enjoying mine. Are you? Stop whining. Do it!

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All in good time

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First of five-part series

A club and a capsule

God willing one of the things I hope to do when I again establish a residence on Saipan (which will be the fourth time over a period of 40 years) is to encourage the formation of an "Anvil Club" patterned after one to which I belong at my alma mater, the University of Charleston. It's an organization with limited membership (explained later) for alumni of 40-50 years or more who still maintain a measure of academic curiosity. Sort of—"learn as though you were to live forever—but live as though you were to die tomorrow"—type of thing.

Membership consists of those who enjoyed their college years and the curricula (in most cases) and maintained an intellectual urge to return to such an environment but for a variety of reasons were not able to do so.

Our group meets once a month in the dining room of the university president for dinner and to listen to a pre-selected member take his assigned turn to present a paper of about an hour's duration on any subject other than that of one's profession. The subject presented must be such to generate conversation, enlist questions or comment. Never political or religious, and never to provoke argument other than academic discussion. The idea is to get all members present to participate.

After the presenter has concluded with the delivery of a chosen subject the paper is placed on a hypothetical anvil which is then struck with an imaginary hammer of critique, comment, or questions from the membership. The size of the club is limited so as to permit each member a turn to speak within a period of two or three years on a subject of their choice, hopefully, of general in-

terest. Thus, the reason for limiting the number of members to a manageable size. Dues cover the cost of food and wine. Miss three consecutive meetings and you are out.

Perhaps someone in the Saipan community could pick up the idea and form such a club—it doesn't have to be me.

To provide some idea of the diversity of subjects the following is a paper I shall present when my turn to speak arrives. The presentation is much condensed as a result of space limitations.

The Time Capsule of Cuploy

4,929 years from now

"All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come." Job 14-14

At 12 o'clock noon, September 23, 1938, the exact moment of autumn equinox at an area then known as Flushing Meadows, Borough of Queens, New York City on the site of the 1939 World's Fair a Time Capsule was deposited 50 feet underground—there to hopefully remain undisturbed for the next 5,000 years or until the year 6939. The site selected was that of the Westinghouse exhibit, then under construction. As a 6-year-old youth at the time—that event is the subject of my presentation.

A message die-stamped on the 7-foot long by 6-inch diameter cylinder of "Cuploy" reads:

"Time Capsule of Cupaloy, deposited on the site of the New York World's Fair on Sept. 23, 1939 by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company. If anyone should come upon this Capsule before the year A.D. 6939 let him not wantonly disturb it, for to do so would be to deprive the people of that era of the legacy here left them. Cherish it therefore in a safe place."

When we survey the past and note how perishable are all human things, we are moved to attempt the preservation of some of the world's present material and intellectual symbols, so that knowledge of them may not disappear from the earth.

The 5,000-year mark was chosen because that was thought to be the length of time since the dawn of recorded history, so the capsule was intended to carry a message from the 20th century into another five millennia in the future. It was considered the internment of the capsule would be at the halfway point—the pivot between the ancient past and the impenetrable future.

Witnesses at the 1939 event might have pondered—"Time is the most undefinable yet paradoxical of things; the past is gone, the fu-

ture has not yet come, and the present becomes the past even while we attempt to define it, and, like the flash of lightning, it exists and expires." Except—within the confines of the Time Capsule where its contents are hopefully protected from the ravenous vultures of the air and sea in a casket of memories.

Some 50 years before the birth of Christ, the Roman poet Horace said: "Time will bring to light what ever is hidden; it will conceal and cover up what is now shining." A fitting benediction for the moment the Time Capsule was confined to the breast of Mother Earth.

There is no way to read the future of the world: people, nations, and cultures move onward into inscrutable time. We know life's message that time flies and draws us with it. The message left to 200 generations distant stated: "In our day it is difficult to conceive of a future less happy, less civilized than our own. Yet history teaches us that every culture passes through definite cycles of development, climax, and decay. And so, we must recognize, ultimately may ours."

As these very words were being lowered into the ground the devastating winds of war would soon overtake the world. Great changes were on the horizon in 1939 unseen by most.

The message in the Capsule continued: "By the same reasoning, there will rise again a civilization of even vaster promise standing upon the shoulders, as we have stood upon the shoulders of ancient Sumer, Egypt, Greece, and Rome."

Five thousand years ago, during a period of invention, development, and science rivaling that of our day, recorded history began. It would be pleasant to believe that we might leave records of our own day for five thousand years hence; to a day when the peoples of the world will think of us standing at history's midpoint."

Whether we shall be able to transmit such a segment of our time into the future depends not only on our ingenuity at selection and preservation, on the excellence of engineering, metallurgy, chemistry, and other intellectual disciplines, but also in a large measure on those who come after us, and their willingness to cooperate in such an archaeological venture across the reaches of time always distant from eternity and thus time's boundary."

The idea for the 1939 Westinghouse Time Capsule originated with the earlier 1936 "Crypt of Civilization," a sealed airtight chamber located at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia. The crypt consists of preserved artifacts scheduled to be opened in the year 8113 AD and considered the "first successful attempt to bury a record of this culture for any future inhabitants or visitors to the planet Earth."

To be continued.

Bureaucratic behavior @ T&R and Western Union

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I do not normally trek to the Post Office on Mondays because that is when everyone and his sister troop to the federal edifice to check their mailboxes. I go on Tuesdays instead, and two weeks ago, I was even brave enough to check my mail during the noon hour. Of course, I failed to see the day's daily news headline that heralded the release of tax refunds. So everyone and their boondie dog were at CK. Expecting something in the mail, there was a lilt in my walk. I only found a phone bill.

Caring for an off-island colleague's car, going to the P.O. had not been as much a chore as it is when riding my bike, so I became a regular patron last week. But by the end of the week, the only charitable view I hung on to was that the checks were alphabetically sent and "V" came close to the end of the line. Just to be sure, I called Finance and after some bantering on the phone, I was asked to proceed to the Compliance office. It appears that the interest from my withdrawn retirement contribution was entered improperly and I was asked to amend. Wizened by experience, I asked if we could just amend the submitted copy. There was no line in the counter at the time so the officer acquiesced.

After a week, when it became obvious that I was not BoG-bound anymore, I stopped by Compliance. Deterred by the long line waiting to be served, I bravely called only to be told that business was not transacted on the phone. A combination of cajoling the island-way and dropping a couple of names, I managed to relay my SS# and was promised a return call. Miracle of miracles, I was called back, though told that I failed to report interest earnings of a bank savings account. An officer also needed to eyeball my Social Security card once more!

To the bank, I went Friday, when late hours were observed. In a naughty mood, I wanted a list of all the penalty fees I paid on the occasions when the bank covered withdrawals made against the checking account for insufficient funds. I was going to show that my account was on a deficit standing against interest earnings. I did not need to bother. Rita at my bank lightened my spirit when she joked that I earned a whooping 58 cents last year; she explained that unless the interest is over \$10, the bank does not bother to send a statement for tax purposes.

Now, if the reader thinks the T&R scenario is ridiculous, and endemic in the government sector, try private sector Western Union. I had a major money transfer this week. I was directed by Western Union to withdraw it at an Oleai pawnshop. The counter lady adjudged my claim invalid because my ID's name was not the same

as the one in the transmittal. I was told to call the sender to resend using my name exactly as it appears on my ID, refusing to say the exact discrepancy needing to be corrected. Raising my voice a few decibels higher than normal, the counter girl divulged that my name on her screen was "JaimeR" rather than "Jaime R." Leaving the case of the missing space behind, I stormed W. Union's office in Garapan to get the manager to authorize the release of my funds. This was not my first run-in on a bureaucratic behavior at W. U. but we'll reserve the other stories for another time.

I head back to T&R today. I left PSS a year ago to deal with a debilitating medical condition, and given the paucity of employment prospects, we had been on a hand-to-mouth red code since we prudently withdrew the retirement contribution when learning that we were short of years to qualify for benefits. We are savvy enough to milk the disability angle, but being an NMPASI stalwart, the conscience would not abide. We are agile enough, however, to stay two steps ahead of the bill collector, but do we really need to call Uncles Ben/Eloy's Cavalry to get our meager refund and rebate check from T&R?

The pathological pessimists will please keep to the end of the line, or, go around the block twice before engaging me in a conversation. Right now, we are just bureaucratic.

CLIMATE

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ty e-mails to their colleagues, and when those e-mails were made public by hackers last November, it did more to impede action on climate change than Big Oil could have achieved with an army of lobbyists. Yet investigations have shown that the e-mails amounted to little more than fits of pique. The most recent review, conducted by an independent team funded by the University of East Anglia, found no evidence that the researchers had undermined scientific findings by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change or any other group, and that they neither withheld access to data nor tampered with it.

We'd love to hear climate skeptics explain away the results of such investigations and address the latest report from the NOAA. But we suspect they'll do what they usually do when confronted with facts that contradict their worldview: ignore them.

We did not coin the term. Sociologist Robert Merton of Harvard noticed the tendency of employees to become more interested in the rules (and their enforcement) than in the purposes and goals of its organization. He named this behavior bureaucratic.

We are familiar with this behavior. With Shirley Sherrod shafted no less than by NAACP president Ben Jealous who forgot that the Sherriffs preceded Bd. Chair Julian Bond in the Civil Rights' struggle, Tom Vilsack of USDA exhibited a knee-jerk bureaucratic in firing her, leaving the behavior at high media profile. Trained to be organizational people, we tend to be guilty of frequent bureaucratic behavior.

Not too long ago, I was denied a medical leave credit because a submitted piece of paper was misplaced. By the time I found out and got around to resubmit another claim, I was informed that appeals are entertained only within 30 days. I was late by three days. It didn't matter that I went off-island to get medical attention. It would take almost a year, with dogged badgering of a CEO, to rectify the adherence to a procedural rule gone awry.

In the last two years, the Finance's Tax and Revenue Division and I learned to tango (the fiery Argentine dance) over tax refund and rebate. Last year, a physical presentation of a Social Security card became a procedural necessity that delayed my check. The SS office certified my number and authorized the issuance of a replacement copy.

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Yap	Partly Sunny	▲ 87 ▾ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 89 ▾ 74
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9:11 PM	Today	High Tide: 1.8 Feet

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Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
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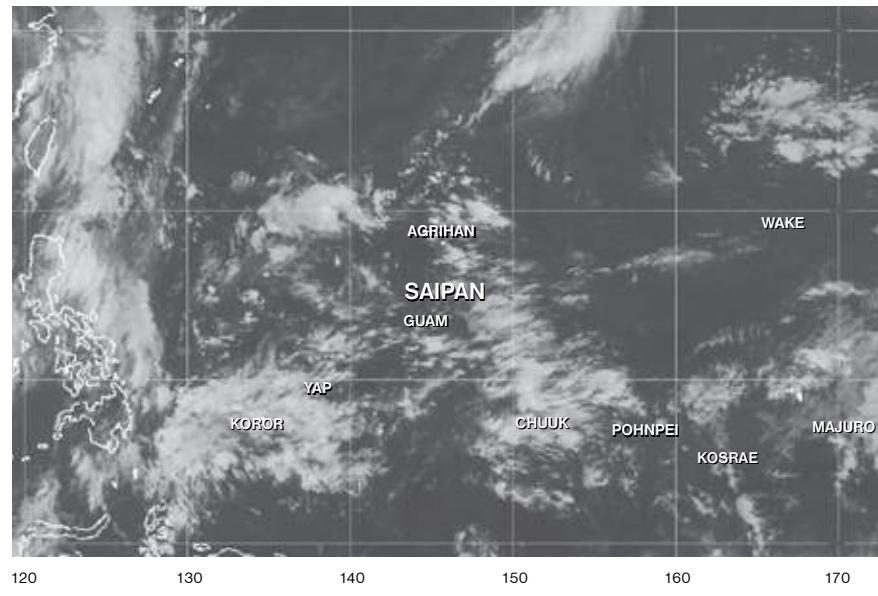
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SAIPAN Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends east-northeastward from an upper low centered north of Koror at 15N133E through another upper low centered north-northwest of Saipan at 21N143E, then finally through a third upper low centered northeast of Wake Island at 24N169E to beyond 25N at 175E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near the trough axis, at Palau and near Yap, between 4N and 12N from 130E to 140E, and also within 100 miles of a line from 17N133E to 20N139E. Scattered thunderstorms are present north of Wake or north of a line from 24N164E to 22N170E to 24N174E. Converging surface winds are coupling with divergent upper winds south of the upper-level trough to produce scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Wake between 17N and 22N from 173E to the date line. Convergence ahead of a trade-wind disturbance is creating scattered showers east of the Marianas within 120 miles of a line from 18N146E to 11N151E.

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM			GUAM-ROTA (ROP)		
C09597 5:00am 5:30am 1, 5			C09598 6:30pm 7:00pm 4, 7		
SAIPAN-GUAM			GUAM-SAIPAN		
C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily			C09316 2:45am 3:35am Daily		
C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily			C09596 7:00am 7:50am Daily		
C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7			C09600 10:05am 10:55am Daily		
C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily			C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7		
C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily			C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily		
C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily			C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287 6:00am 8:35am Daily			DL290 9:45am 2:20pm Daily		
DL297 3:20pm 5:55pm Daily			DL298 10:25am 3		

Linala' Natibu Giya Paraisu

Megai gi man-a-ch'a-dathu pumadese makat na karera gi kinahulu' niha. I estau linala'ta guihen na tiempu mau'udai met-got gi tradision modun linala' natibu entalu gualu yan tasi. Sin inbatgu, manachu mañainata yan famaguon niha gi chechu' prebension familia.

Deste tutuhon, i mañainata man-gualu yan man-peskan tasi yan halom tanu. Diariamente man-gaige gi halom gualu. 'An taftaf ogaan man-talaya, 'sino mapua i gigau pat man-daña i familia gi mahalan chechulu.

Depende gi tiempu, ayu 'nai mafalague halum tanu mankasadules binadu, manog hatsdu, ayuyu, umañg, uhañg, asuli, yan machaleg babue. Entre este 'sino man-e'gadu', sunin halom tanu, baba', choda, nika, dagu, yan hutu. Gi birada, man-daña

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.

Special to the Saipan Tribune

DelRosario is a regular contributor to the Saipan Tribune's Opinion Section.



gi preparasion hafa makone' 'sino makusecha gi biahen niha.

Gi magahet, riku este na modun linala' natibu. Todu i tiempu guaha neñkanu gi lamasan familia. I nanan guma' un' persona ni sumen dañkulu ayuduña gi todur kinalamten sa' ha tuñgu mamatinas mañge na sentadan Chamorro.

Lau este na modun linala' tinilaika ni paska na salape food stamps. Mas man-libianu i tau-tauta pagu na tiempu. Magahet na hu chagi malu-log gi halom gualu deste man-

guasan, dismonta, kuha, guadog hoyun choda yan suni, hatsan puan kamute, nika yan dagu. Hu chagi lokue peskan tasi yan halom tanu. Tat ti hu chogue pot inayuda gi neñkanu familia.

Mattu gi chatsaga linala' mame na esta mamaisen i amko kau siña innasetbe lechen niyog para i neni.

Tat totchen poble ti hu chagi dese asiga, asiga ni matigis doni; doni yan asiga; manadaña asiga yan doni yan tatte talu. Todu klasen ninalagon suni hu

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-DPW/SW-124**

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**INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DEQ-129**

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All due respect to professor Villazor, you should be proud of being a United States citizen by virtue of our local and U.S. Constitutional laws combined and be thankful to your parents

for giving you that opportunity.

It is my hope that you had done the same for your parents through the federal administrative process by petitioning their status as guest workers to United States citizens for you are of age to do so.

Lastly, our home the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is in a unique political union with the United States unlike any other U.S. territory and it is not a stepping stone to ones short cuts to outright citizenship or permanent residency. Adhere to the laws of land and respect the will of the indigenous people of the land for your personal quest is showing its true colors.

Gregorio Cruz
Taotao Tano president

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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**INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-DOC-138**

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Notice of Availability for the Mariana Islands Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS)

Record of Decision

After carefully weighing the operational and environmental consequences of the Proposed Action, the Department of Defense Representative Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Palau (DoD REP), announces his decision to support and conduct current, emerging and future military training and research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) activities in the Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC) while enhancing training resources through investment. Training and RDT&E activities are conducted by the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Air Force, Guam National Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard and other users based and deployed in the Western Pacific.

The Navy considered applicable Executive Orders, including an analysis of the environmental effects of its actions outside of the U.S. or its territories under the provisions of Executive Order 12114 (*Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions*) and the requirements of Executive Order 12898 (*Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority and Low Income Populations*). The DoD REP has decided to implement the preferred alternative (Alternative 1), which is a proposal designed to meet the military services' current and foreseeable training requirements. Implementation of the preferred alternative could begin immediately.

The Record of Decision (ROD) has been distributed to individuals who requested a copy of the Final EIS/OEIS and agencies and organizations that received a copy of the Final EIS/OEIS. The full text of the ROD is available for public download at www.MarianasRangeComplexEIS.com. Single copies of the ROD will be made available upon request by writing Mariana Islands Range Complex EIS/OEIS; Project Manager, Code EV21; Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific; 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100; Pearl Harbor, HI 96869-3134 or by e-mail at marianas.tap.eis@navy.mil.

Letter to the Editor

Prof. Villazor, what is your agenda?

I will continue to address the issues on self-interest hidden agendas by certain individuals who hide behind the cover of justice. In the case of Professor Rose C. Villazor who practically grew up in the CNMI, graduated from a local private school, including the CNMI being her second home, one would think that she would return to represent the CNMI and its people as a whole.

Instead she comes home and questions the legality and laws that protect our indigenous people of the land. First, she held a forum on blood quantum requirements pertaining to Article 12. Last week, she talks about the complications of our Labor laws interfering with federal laws. What's next professor? I am glad though that the profes-

sor fully understands the intent of the federal immigration law in place goal is to phase out guest workers by the year 2014 but again the behind the scenes agendas is brewing and collecting data in assisting U.S. Congress in introducing legislation to extend the transition period.

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OPINION

Letters to the Editor

Federal immigration law vis-à-vis local laws

Preemption as pointed out by a variety of experts is now a common word among regular people or laymen. All, I am certain, are now well versed on the word's precise definition. However, while I appreciate the experts' contribution to my deeper understanding of the word, I find it bothersome that it is not used relative to our unique relationship with the United States especially in the three areas of exemption provided in the Covenant that established our relationship. One of those exemptions is the applicability of some immigration laws to the Commonwealth. Preemption, as I understood it, relates to the supremacy of the federal laws to that of state laws. My question then is how can laws of the CNMI regulating immigration be subordinate to federal immigration laws that are not applicable in the first place?

At this point, I am still holding out verdict on the legality of Congress' decision to make federal immigration laws applicable in the CNMI. The language in Section 501 subsection (a) of the Covenant is very clear: "To the extent that they are not applicable of their own force... provisions of or amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which do not apply of their own force within the Northern Mariana Islands, will be applicable within the Northern Mariana Islands *only with the approval of the Gov-*

CNMI needs to ban shark finning

The state of Hawaii recently passed a law banning the possession/trade and sale of shark fins. Doing so, Hawaii became one of the world leaders fighting against the horrible practice of shark finning.

The positive international attention has been widespread and loudly applauded. The Hawaii legislation had supporters from every political view, native Hawaiian groups, scientists as well as those that felt connected to the ocean all pulling together in a united front.

For those who may be unaware, shark finning is the commercial fishing practice of landing a shark caught by hook or net and cutting off its fins. The rest of the shark is then thrown back into the ocean as trash.

Many times the shark is still alive and tries to swim away after being thrown back in, but of course without fins its doomed to drown.

Worldwide shark populations are plummeting and the loss of apex predators in the worlds oceans leaves the whole marine ecosystem in dire straits.

Sharks are slow to breed and they are being taken from the ocean at a rate higher than they can reproduce.

ernment of the Northern Mariana Islands and of the Government of the United States."

It would follow then that albeit, pursuant to the Constitution of the United States, Congress is given the authority to enact laws regulating immigration it has relinquished part of its authority over the CNMI immigration by approving the Covenant that exempts the CNMI from U.S. immigration laws applicability except in three instances provided in Section 506, subsections (a), (b) and (c).

It seems to me, that notwithstanding the provision in Section 50—"The following laws of the United States, presently inapplicable to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, will not apply to the Northern Mariana Islands except in the manner and to the extent made applicable to them by the Congress by law after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement: ..."—the U.S. Congressional act making the U.S. Immigration laws applicable to the CNMI must first be approved by the CNMI government pursuant to Section 501. It cannot and ought not be allowed to act alone and arbitrarily.

In my humble and perhaps misguided opinion, this is an issue that must be addressed and resolved first before we address the impact of the U.S. immigration laws application to our social-economic development. We can debate until we are all

blue on the face, but without a leg to stand on, there is nothing we can accomplish for or against the status of alien workers in the CNMI.

We were led to believe that the foundation of our very existence is solid as it is a child of the United States Constitution. Now, it appears to be eroding (rather quickly, I might add) to the point of uselessness much like the sandbag levy against the constant abuse of the waves pounding the coast of New Orleans and the more fortified water breaker supposedly protecting Tinian harbor.

Meanwhile, and on a different subject, I beg the CNMI Legislature to back off from the challenges that Northern Marianas College is facing. Your intent may be good, but I think your "assistance" will prove to be more detrimental than helpful. Have faith in your Board of Regent. You confirmed them. Let the esteemed members hash this out on their own and show the accreditation committee that they are a group of people who can live up to the committee's and our expectations. This is just "growing" pain and there are times when "reason" is more persuasive than "might." This, I think, is another instance when "reason" is more appropriate than "force"—no matter how gentle.

Juanita M. Mendiola
Marpo Valley, Tinian

I urge all members of the community to look into the practice of shark finning and come to their own conclusions. As a past grand prize winning captain of the Saipan International Fishing Derby, one of the first captains to practice catch and release sport fishing in the CNMI, a current fulltime recreational fishing captain, and a father I believe that shark finning should be banned worldwide immediately.

I have started a Facebook (CNMI-shark fin free zone!) page about the diverse and growing group of those that agree the CNMI should become a shark fin free zone. I hope people from across the spectrum will take time to talk with each other, with their local house and senate representatives, with their friends and relatives about this issue. Regardless of the disagreements people may have on any other subject we can come together and give ourselves, the sharks, the ocean, the economy and the CNMI a clear winner by supporting the ban of sale/trade/possession of shark fins.

Capt. William McCue
Via e-mail

LOCAL

Kilili: \$500,000 earmarked for Visitor Center

WASHINGTON, DC—Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan announced today that House appropriators have included \$500,000 in a fiscal 2011 spending bill for the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument Visitor Center in the CNMI.

"This is very good news for the Northern Mariana Islands," said Sablan.

"As we look ahead to rebuilding our economy, the Monument Visitor Center will be an important attraction in itself.

"The existence of the Monument Visitor Center will also say to potential visitors: 'The Marianas have beautiful oceans and a well-preserved environment.' That's a message that will also definitely bring tourists to our islands."

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment & Related Agencies unveiled its fiscal 2011 spending plan late on Thursday in Washington. Included in the bill is \$500,000 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to go toward construction of the Visitor Center in the NMI.

"I am very grateful to Chairman Jim Moran and the other members of the Subcommittee," said Sablan. "They faced some tough spending choices.

"In fact, funding for the Fish and Wildlife Service was cut by \$5 million. So, to be awarded a half million dollars under those circumstances is even more remarkable."

The \$500,000 earmark for the Visitor Center brings Kilili's total congressionally requested appropriations to \$1,975,000 for the coming fiscal year.

Funding has also been tagged for PSS (\$500,000), the CNMI Judiciary (\$400,000), the Rota Gymnasium (\$500,000) and the Tinian Mayor's Office for health education and outreach (\$75,000).

"We are \$600,000 better than last year," Sablan said. "Seniority and relationships built up with members of the Appropriations Committee make a difference."

The Subcommittee mark-ups with Sablan's money for the Marianas are only the first step in the formal legislative process and do not guarantee the funding will be in the bill the President signs into law.

"We will, of course, have to continue to work with the House leadership to make sure we keep our money in the various appropriations bills. And we may have to work on this in November or December, after the elections.

"But we are in. That's the important thing," Sablan said.

The \$500,000 earmark for the Monument Visitor Center may be used for site planning, architectural engineering, and design. In his request to the Subcommittee Congressman Sablan recommended that existing Fish and Wildlife Service Visitor Center/Headquarters designs be utilized for the facility in the Northern Marianas to make the project more affordable.

It is expected that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will coordinate with the CNMI government to determine an appropriate location for the Visitor Center.

"When the White House established the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, it promised that the people of the Northern Marianas would derive economic benefit," Sablan says.

"I was not a party to those negotiations. But I do think I have a responsibility, as the federal official representing our islands, to make sure that the federal government keeps its commitment."

"The decision to make \$500,000 available for the Visitor Center begins to fulfill that promise."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Seatbelt, carseat checkpoints on Monday

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting OPCR Checkpoints today, July 26, 2010.

The first checkpoint will be on Monsignor Guerrero Road by the CUC Waterloo Station, on the westbound outer lane, from 7am to 8:15am.

The second will be on 2W Chalan Pale Arnold by Chong's Corp. on the northbound outer lane, from 11:30am to 12:45pm.

The third will be on 2W Puerto Rico north of the US Army Reserve Center, on the southbound outer lane, from 4pm to 5:15pm.

The checkpoints will be terminated if it begins to rain. The personnel involved in this operation will also conduct selective traffic law enforcement before, during and after the checkpoints. (DPS)

Military training on Warning Area-517

Santa Rita, Guam—The Navy will conduct training on Warning Area-517 on July 26-30 from 7am to midnight.

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from these areas during the times and

dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 square nautical miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10'N/144° 30'E, 13° 10'N/144° 42'E, 12° 50'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/143° 00'E, 11° 45'N/143° 00"E, 12° 50'N/144° 30'E. (PR)

LINALA'

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chagi lokue' guihe na tiempu: masotne, masaibog, matamales, mabuñelos, matitiyas yan tatte ta'lú.

Makat na fina'pos lau sumen dañkulu lokue regaluña gi krineansan famaguon natibu guihe na tiempo. Namagof sa' memegaiña man felis kareran niha.

Casino para iya Japon

Dos gi mas dañkulu na kompanian casino ginan Las Vegas seriousu planon niha man-baba fasilitad casino giya Japon. I Sands yan Wynn Resorts i uma'atan Japon kumu uttimum lugat para este na industria.

Monhayana ma-estudia kuantu na salape humahalom ginan bisnis pachiñko yan pachislot giya Japon. Sumen dañkulu i marikokohe kada sakan. Makatkukula na guaha poko mas 'menos 2.25 miyon na Japones siempre u fan hugandu gi para umahatsa siha na casino.

Gi disi-sais na casino giya South Korea, ni unu na tautau tanu masede gumandu. Lamita gi man-hugandu ginan Japon. Estague' otru grupu ni ma-a'atan kumu metkau para casino giya Japon. Megai lokue' man-loddu sueddon niha 'nai guaha siña magasta gi huegon casino siha.

Huegon chansa (gambling) ti masede Japon lau todou atmos bandan grupon politika umak-onfotme na mauleg umamatamtam

este na industria. I salape para gaston 'nos kuantos programa siha siempre ginan este na industria ti ginan kontribusion tax ginan i tautau.

Yangin masusede este giya Japon, mauleg iya Marianas u huchom este na pahina gi lebolaña petmanente.

■ ■ ■

Tatnai in' repara i gaga' siha 'an guaha mamamaila' piligrum na ira? I guaka ti siña ketu gi pastahe antes de linau. I kuku-racha sige gumupu 'an para u uchan. I betde na apacha' señat mauleg. I manog gi kasiyas sige man-tugtagag 'an guaha parentela kumeke hanau. Esta pagu lokue hu espiipa un' gaga' ni siña sumañgane-yu na para bai' miyinari maseha pot dinage. Ai de dios Iku.

Business

OBAMA AND OIL SPILL:

Lessons from corporate world

WASHINGTON (AP)—As chief executive officer of America Inc., Barack Obama has walked the factory floor when it comes to managing the federal response to the Gulf oil spill, going directly to front-line workers.

He's used wiles respected in the boardroom in wringing a \$20 billion commitment from BP.

But what was that talk about kicking butt? That's so assembly line Ford Motor Co., circa 1930.

And why on Earth did it take him so long to talk to BP's chief? A real CEO would have had Tony Hayward on the phone in a New York minute.

The president is not, of course, the head of a company. He's accountable to the public in ways a chief executive is not to shareholders. Governance and politics differ from effective corporate management while sharing certain qualities.

But everyone wants to see the get-it-done ethic of the business world play out in the Gulf of Mexico and in the often confused lines of federal authority. A temporary cap on the ruptured well has held since it was attached on July 15; a permanent fix is expected in August. Since the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig exploded on April 20, between 94 million and 184 million gallons have leaked into the Gulf.



In this May 28, 2010 file photo, President Barack Obama, left, Lafourche Parish president Charlotte Randolph, center, and U.S. Coast Guard Admiral Thad Allen, National Incident Commander for the BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill, look at booms laid out to collect oil during a tour of areas impacted by the Gulf Coast oil spill in Port Fourchon, La.

The Gulf calamity, like the presidency itself, is a crash course in executive management for a man who came to office with no such experience to speak of. How's he doing?

A mix of real-world CEOs and business theorists interviewed by The Associated Press sketched out qualities of a corporate executive and judged Obama by them.

Obama's tough words about BP while refusing for weeks to talk to Hayward. The dispatching of the attorney general to the

Gulf in a prelude to legal action. The keister-kicking threat. It all might make for good politics—or it might not.

To Drew Greenblatt, president of Marlin Steel Wire Products LLC of Baltimore, it was a failure of executive leadership. CEOs talk first and sue only if necessary, he says.

"Those are inflammatory strategies," he says. "We don't want people rushing to their lawyers at this moment. We want people to cap the oil well rather than the idea well."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Obama, GOP spar over how to revive ailing economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama derided an economic plan from the top House Republican as repeating job-killing policies of the past that help drive the country into recession. In turn, House GOP leader John Boehner said the president had stooped to partisan attacks because he can't sell his own plan at a time when millions of people want to know what happened to the jobs Obama promised to create. Days after signing into law tougher regulations on the financial industry, Obama said Saturday that those new rules are an important part of his approach to reviving the economy. "It took nearly a decade of failed economic policies to create this mess, and it will take years to fully repair the damage," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address. "But I am confident that we are finally headed in the right direction. We are moving forward. And what we can't afford right now is to go back to the same ideas that created this mess in the first place." Previewing one of the arguments he'll be making as he campaigns for congressional Democrats heading into the November elections, Obama acknowledged that the economic growth on

his watch isn't nearly enough to replace the millions of lost jobs.

Ford reaping solid profits after turnaround

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP)—Four years ago, Ford mortgaged everything down to the blue oval logo to save itself. Now, even as Americans remain skittish about the economy, it's reaping big rewards and stealing business from stumbling rivals. Ford said Friday that it made \$2.6 billion from April through June, its fifth straight quarterly profit. The company, which reported record losses in 2008, now predicts it will end 2011 with more cash than debt. With its two longtime Detroit rivals still finding their way after spending time in bankruptcy last year, Ford, which never took government bailout money, extended its success story. President and CEO Alan Mulally said the company is ahead of where he thought it would be in its turnaround. It now sells the most popular pickup truck in the U.S., the F-Series, and the most popular crossover SUV, the Escape.

US bank failures in 2010 surpass 100

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. bank failures this year have surpassed a bleak milestone of 100

as regulators shut down banks in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Kansas, Nevada, Minnesota and Oregon. The seven bank seizures announced Friday bring to 103 the failures so far in 2010. The pace of bank closures this year is well ahead of that of 2009, which saw a total of 140 banks shuttered amid the recession and mounting loan defaults. That was the highest annual tally since 1992, at the height of the savings and loan crisis. The pace has accelerated as banks' losses mount on loans made for commercial property and development. Many companies have shut down in the recession, vacating shopping malls and office buildings financed by the loans. That has brought delinquent loan payments and defaults by commercial developers. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said it took over Crescent Bank and Trust Co., based in Jasper, Ga., with about \$1 billion in assets; Sterling Bank of Lantana, Fla., with \$407.9 million in assets; Williamsburg First National Bank of Kingstree, S.C., \$139.3 million in assets; Thunder Bank of Sylvan Grove, Kan., \$32.6 million; SouthwestUSA Bank, with one branch in Las Vegas, \$214 million; Community Security Bank of New Prague, Minn., \$108 million; and Home Valley Bank of Cave Junction, Ore., \$251.8 million.

Nation

Floods close Chicago interstate, damage Iowa dam

CHICAGO (AP)—Standing water on Chicago-area expressways turned what should have been an easy Saturday morning drive into a soggy, snarled mess after heavy rains across the Midwest closed roads, stranded residents and punched a hole through an Iowa dam.

In Chicago, officials say more than 7 inches of rain fell early Saturday, inundating the sewer system and overwhelming waterways. Water covered

portions of several Chicago interstates and the commuter train tracks that run along them, leading crews to divert traffic and call in bus shuttles. Portions of Interstate 290 west of downtown were closed for several hours.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and other officials urged residents to call for help if they need it.

"Our goal is to get the city back to normal as quickly as possible," Daley said at a news

conference Saturday.

West of Chicago in suburban Westchester, crews in boats were searching for people who were stranded in their flooded homes or trapped in cars under viaducts.

In eastern Iowa, the Lake Delhi dam failed as rising floodwater from the Maquoketa River ate a 30-foot-wide hole in the earthen dam, causing water to drop 45 feet to the river below and threatening the small town of Hopkinton.

Eastern US cooks in summer heat, temps reach 100s

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP)—Another wave of oppressive heat clamped down on a broad swath of Eastern states on Saturday, with temperatures in the high 90s and 100s and residents scrambling for shade or just staying indoors.

In the Mid-Atlantic, already the locus for brutal temperatures several times in July, weather experts warned of the dangerous conditions and residents resigned themselves to

coping with the discomfort.

"Oh, it's disgusting. It's already really hot," meteorologist Heather Sheffield of the National Weather Service said of morning temperatures in Washington, D.C.

One possible weather-related death was reported in Maryland, where paramedics said the high temperatures and humidity likely played a role in the death of a 20-year-old man who was biking, went into car-

diac arrest and hit his head on a tree as he fell.

With the heat and humidity combining for a possible heat index of over 110 degrees, the weather service issued an excessive heat warning for the first time this year for an area stretching from south of Washington to north of Baltimore, along the Interstate 95 corridor. By midday Saturday, a wide band from lower New England to the Deep South was under a heat advisory.

Gay Lutheran pastors to join church roster

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Seven pastors who work in the San Francisco Bay area and were barred from serving in the nation's largest Lutheran group because of a policy that required gay clergy to be celibate are being welcomed into the denomination.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will add six of the pastors to its clergy roster at a service at St. Mark's

Lutheran Church in San Francisco on Sunday. Another pastor who was expelled from the church, but was later reinstated, will participate in the service.

The group is among the first gay, bisexual or transgender Lutheran pastors to be reinstated or added to the rolls of the ELCA since the organization voted last year to lift the policy requiring celibacy.

Churches can now hire non-

celibate gay clergy who are in committed relationships.

"It's going to be an extremely glorious and festive ceremony because it's the culmination of decades of work to welcome LGBT people into the ELCA," said Amalia Vagts, executive director of the Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, a nonprofit that credentials openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people for ministry.

ACROSS THE NATION

2 Conn. firefighters killed at scene of house fire

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP)—Officials say two firefighters died while battling a house fire in Connecticut. Bridgeport Deputy Fire Chief Robert Petrucci says the two men were found unconscious Saturday on the top floor of the three-story house after they sent out mayday calls. Steven Velazquez and Michael Baik were pronounced dead at the hospital. Officials say Velazquez and Baik were searching for people in need of rescue and ventilating the house. No residents were injured. Officials say three or four other firefighters were treated at hospitals for their injuries and released. The state fire marshal's office will investigate the cause of the fire and examine the equipment used by Velazquez and Baik. Mayor Bill Finch says Baik had

been a firefighter for two years and Velazquez became lieutenant in February.

La. plane practicing water landing crashes; 1 dead

BELLE CHASSE, La. (AP)—Authorities say a seaplane practicing touch-and-go landings on water crashed in marshland in southeastern Louisiana, killing two people. Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Holly Baker says the plane went down about 11:20 a.m. Saturday in woods southeast of Franklin/Venango Regional Airport in Sandy Creek Township. State police in Franklin say both people on board were killed, but their names aren't being released. The plane was a Nadiq, a fixed-wing, single-engine craft generally built by hobbyists and amateurs. The FAA is investigating what caused the crash. Baker had no further details.

rived at the crash scene and called authorities. He says the crashed aircraft was not operating with spill responders.

Asia

US aircraft carrier raises pressure on North Korea

ABOARD USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (AP)—A massive nuclear-powered U.S. supercarrier began maneuvers Sunday with ally South Korea in a potent show of force, four months after the sinking of a South Korean warship. North Korea threatened the exercises could lead to nuclear war.

The military drills, set to run through Wednesday, involve about 8,000 U.S. and South Korean troops, 20 ships and submarines and 200 aircraft. The *USS George Washington*, with several thousand sailors and dozens of fighter jets aboard, was deployed from Japan.

The exercises will be the first in a series of U.S.-South Korean maneuvers conducted in the East Sea off South Korea's east coast, and in the Yellow Sea closer to China's shores in international waters. The exercises also are the first to employ the F-22 stealth fighter—which can evade North Korean air defenses—in South Korea.

The American and South Korean defense chiefs an-



A U.S. Navy helicopter flies over the Nimitz-class *USS George Washington* for joint military exercises between the U.S. and South Korea, at the Busan port in Busan, south of Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, July 25, 2010.

nounced last Tuesday in Seoul they would stage the military drills to send a clear message to North Korea to stop its “aggressive” behavior.

Washington and Seoul blame Pyongyang for the sinking of the 1,200-ton Cheonan

warship in late March near the Koreas’ maritime border. A five-nation team of investigators concluded a North Korean torpedo sank the Cheonan, considered the worst military attack on the South since the 1950-53 Korean War.

NKorea threatens ‘nuclear deterrence’ over drills

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—North Korea threatened Saturday to mount a powerful nuclear response to upcoming joint U.S.-South Korean military drills, calling the exercises an “unpardonable” provocation on top of wrongly blaming Pyongyang for the sinking of a South Korean warship.

North Korea’s powerful

National Defense Commission, led by leader Kim Jong Il, warned that its troops would counter the move to hold military maneuvers involving a nuclear-armed U.S. supercarrier with a “retaliatory sacred war.”

“The army and people of the DPRK will legitimately counter with their powerful

nuclear deterrence the largest-ever nuclear war exercises to be staged by the U.S. and the south Korean puppet forces,” North Korea’s official news agency in Pyongyang quoted an unnamed commission spokesman as saying, referring to the country by its official name, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

ASIAN BRIEFS

2 US Navy service members missing in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Two U.S. Navy service members disappeared in a dangerous area of eastern Afghanistan, prompting a massive air and ground search and appeals on local radio stations for their safe return, NATO and Afghan officials said. The two left their compound in the Afghan capital, Kabul, in a vehicle Friday afternoon, but never returned, NATO said in a statement. Vehicles and helicopters were dispatched to search for the two, who may have been killed or captured by the Taliban after getting lost in Charkh district of southern Logar province, said district chief Samer Gul. Elsewhere Saturday, five U.S. troops died in separate bombings in the south, setting July on course to become the deadliest month of the nearly 9-year war for Americans.

China floods put pressure on Three Gorges Dam

BEIJING (AP)—Record-high water levels at China’s massive Three Gorges Dam have called into question Beijing’s claims that the world’s largest hydroelectric project could withstand a 10,000-year flood. The water level reached 518 feet (158 meters) Saturday morning, just 55 feet (17 meters) from the reservoir’s maximum capacity of 573 feet (175 meters), flood control headquarters in the central province of Hubei told The Associated Press. Water could go higher with China’s national weather center issuing a warning Saturday of more torrential rains for the region through 8 a.m. Sunday. Minister of Water Resources Chen Lei urged officials to inspect and protect other dams and reservoirs in the region as well as flooding continues, the state-run Xinhua

News Agency said.

Earthquakes hit southern Philippines; no damage

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Three major undersea earthquakes struck the southern Philippines within minutes of each other early Saturday, but the temblors were too deep to cause any damage. A magnitude 6.8 tremor shook the Moro Gulf off the island of Mindanao at 6:08 a.m. (2208 GMT Friday). It was centered about 60 miles (95 kilometers) southwest of Cotabato city at a depth of 380 miles (607 kilometers), the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology said. A stronger 7.1 magnitude quake hit the same general location at roughly the same depth at 6:51 a.m. (2251 GMT Friday), followed at 7:15 a.m. (2315 GMT Friday) by a third, also of the same magnitude, the institute said. The quakes also were too deep to cause a tsunami.

World

18 killed in mass panic at music festival in Germany

DUISBURG, Germany (AP)—

Crowds of people streaming into a techno music festival surged through an already jammed entry tunnel, setting off a panic that killed 18 people and injured 80 at an event meant to celebrate love and peace.

The circumstances of the stampede Saturday at the famed Love Parade festival in Duisburg in western Germany were still not clear even hours after the chaos, but it appeared that some or most of the 18 had been crushed to death.

Authorities also suggested that some of the people killed or injured might have attempted to flee the crowd by jumping over a barrier and falling several meters

(yards). Witnesses described a desperate scene, as people piled up on each other or scrambled over others who had fallen in the crush.

“The young people came to celebrate and instead there are dead and injured,” said Chancellor Angela Merkel. “I am horrified by the suffering and the pain.”

Criticism quickly fell on city officials for allowing only one entrance to the grounds of a hugely popular event that drew hundreds of thousands of people to dance, watch floats and listen to DJs spin. German media said 1.4 million people attended but that figure could not be immediately confirmed.

The founder of the Love Pa-

rade, Matthias Roeingh, known by the name Dr. Motte, blasted the planning for the event, saying “one single entrance through a tunnel lends itself to disaster. I am very sad.”

City officials chose not to evacuate the site, fearing it might spark more panic, and many people continued partying, unaware of the deaths.

Emergency workers had trouble getting to the victims, hampered by the huge crowds. The area was a hectic scene, with bodies lying on the ground and people milling around or attending to them. Rescue workers carried away the injured as techno music thundered in the background.

51 bodies found at northern Mexico dumping ground

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Investigators said Saturday they have found 51 corpses in two days of digging in a field near a trash dump outside the northern city of Monterrey, as excavations continued at one of the largest clandestine body dumping grounds in Mexico’s bloody drug war.

The attorney general of Nuevo Leon state, where Monterrey is located, said the victims included 48 men and 3 women. There so many bodies that authorities were using refrigerated trucks

to hold them, Alejandro Garza y Garza told local television.

Investigators are still struggling to identify the remains but suspect drug traffickers are involved.

“The majority of these bodies have tattoos of different types that could give us an indication about whether they belonged to one group or another and, among other things, determine whether they were linked to organized crime,” Garza y Garza said.

He added that investigators were nearing the end of

Simon Bolivar an obsession for Venezuela’s Chavez

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—For Hugo Chavez, Simon Bolivar is more than a founding father to be feted once a year on his birthday. He’s the icon of an entire political movement. He’s a muse whose words inspire nearly two centuries after his death.

For Chavez, Bolivar is an obsession.

The president’s admiration for “El Libertador,” who has been his guiding light since

U.S. influence in the region.

Critics say he is trying to cast himself as Bolivar’s reincarnation—an allegation Chavez vehemently denies.

Chavez’s fascination with Bolivar has been on display like never before this month as he has exhumed Bolivar’s bones in hopes of using modern forensics to confirm his identity—and investigate a theory that his idol was felled by a murder conspiracy.

WORLD BRIEFS

UK reiterates BP not involved in Lockerbie release

LONDON (AP)—In a letter to U.S. officials, British Foreign Secretary William Hague calls the Scottish decision to release the man convicted of the Lockerbie bombing “wrong and misguided,” but says there’s no evidence Abdel Baset al-Megrahi was returned to Libya to facilitate oil deals for BP. Hague’s letter to Sen. John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was released by the Foreign Office Saturday. Hague says he hopes the information will assist

the committee as they examine the circumstances leading up to al-Megrahi’s August, 2009 return to Libya. Hague says he empathizes with the families who lost loved ones in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103. But he says Britain must “address the unsubstantiated rumors that there was some sort of conspiracy involving BP.”

Malawi dog attack ignites presidential anger

BLANTYRE, Malawi (AP)—Malawi’s president says he won’t tolerate foreigners treating Malawians “worse than

dogs” in a rare outburst of anger. Bingu wa Mutharika made the comments Friday as he left for an African summit in Uganda. His statement comes as a white man was arrested after his five dogs seriously wounded an elderly Malawian. The president described Malawi as “a black country for black people.” The 72-year-old Malawian man was left without a nose, an ear lobe and part of his lower lip following the attack. The foreign man is being held on accusations of keeping dangerous animals and endangering human life, police said. It was not immediately clear whether he was South African or Zimbabwean.

Health & Fitness

Obama, Clinton pledge US support for AIDS fight

By VERONIKA OLEKSYN
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VIENNA (AP)—President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton have pledged the support of the United States in the global fight against AIDS.

Speaking Friday via prerecorded video at the close of an international conference dedicated to the disease, the two said they were committed to building upon progress and taking the lead in ensuring a sustainable and effective response.

"Ending this pandemic won't be easy, and it won't happen overnight," Obama told delegates gathered in the

Austrian capital. "But thanks to you, we've come a long way—and the United States is committed to continuing that progress."

Clinton said the United States believes access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care should be a universal and shared responsibility and said health was a human right.

"As we push to expand access to these resources, the United States will continue to work with our partner



Obama

countries and with civil society to help empower citizens to lead the charge in their own countries," she said.

Washington will host the next international AIDS conference in July 2012.

During this week's meeting, the more than 19,000 delegates heard promising news about a vaginal gel spiked with the AIDS drug tenofovir that has proved capable of blocking the AIDS virus.

They also welcomed an announce-



Clinton

ment by the World Health Organization that a record 5.2 million people were receiving lifesaving AIDS drugs last year, up from 4 million in 2008.

But the gathering was overshadowed by woes about replenishing the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, which provides major support for AIDS programs around the world.

Donors meet in October to decide on the fund's financing level for the next three years amid concerns that a desired \$20 billion in pledges won't be reached.

While some protesters directly targeted the United States, a recent U.N. report showed that the U.S. was the largest donor of international AIDS assistance in 2009, accounting for more than 58 percent of disbursements by governments.

Conference chief Julio Montaner of the International AIDS Society said in his closing remarks that the United States has what it takes to make a difference and thanked Obama for his leadership in changing policies that infringe upon human rights.

"The U.S. has the power to literally change the course of the epidemic," Montaner said.

Nobel peace laureate Desmond Tutu of South Africa, meanwhile, stressed that HIV prevention, treatment, care

and support are a human rights priority.

"To deny treatment is to deny life itself," Tutu said in a video address.

Over the course of the week, activists have slammed the rich G-8 countries for failing to deliver on a commitment to ensure that everyone infected with HIV and AIDS gets treatment by 2010.

In 2005, G-8 leaders committed to developing and implementing an Africa-focused package for HIV prevention, treatment and care with the

aim of getting "as close as possible to universal access to treatment for all those who need it by 2010." They reaffirmed and broadened their commitment a year later.

But a G-8 accountability report from last month's summit of world leaders in Canada acknowledged that the "universal access targets with respect to HIV/AIDS will not be met by 2010."

Earlier Friday, the U.N.'s top investigator on torture and punishment warned delegates that overcrowded prisons are breeding grounds for AIDS.

Often, inmates are held in inhumane conditions in which the HIV virus is spread through the use of non-sterile drug injection equipment, sexual contacts, tattooing and sharing of razors, Manfred Nowak said.

Medical marijuana to be OK in some VA clinics

By HOPE YEN
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Patients treated at Veterans Affairs hospitals and clinics will be able to use medical marijuana in the 14 states where it's legal, according to new federal guidelines.

The directive from the Veterans Affairs Department in the coming week is intended to clarify current policy that says veterans can be denied pain medication if they use illegal drugs. Veterans groups have complained for years that this could bar veterans from VA benefits if they were caught using medical marijuana.

The new guidance does not authorize VA doctors to begin prescribing medical marijuana, which is considered an illegal drug under federal law. But it will now make clear that in the 14 states where state and federal law are in conflict, VA clinics generally will allow the use of medical marijuana for veterans already taking it under other clinicians.

"For years, there have been veterans coming back from the Iraq war who needed medical marijuana and had to decide whether they were willing to cut down on their VA medications," John Targowski, a legal adviser to the group Veterans for Medical Marijuana Access, which worked with the VA on the issue.

Targowski in an interview Saturday said that confusion over the government's policy might have led some veterans to distrust their doctors or avoid the VA system.

ON THE NET

■ AIDS conference: <http://www.aids2010.org/>

Personal Trainer

Throwing arm injuries

Throwing a ball puts unnatural stresses on the shoulder and elbow, and repeated, forceful throwing can cause an overuse injury.

Shoulder

Common:

Tendinitis of rotator cuff muscles, which rotate arm outward and raise it

Less common:

Torn labrum, a shoulder blade cartilage

Elbow

Common: Torn medial collateral ligament (MCL)

Common: Tendinitis

Less common: Degeneration of tissues in joint, a form of arthritis

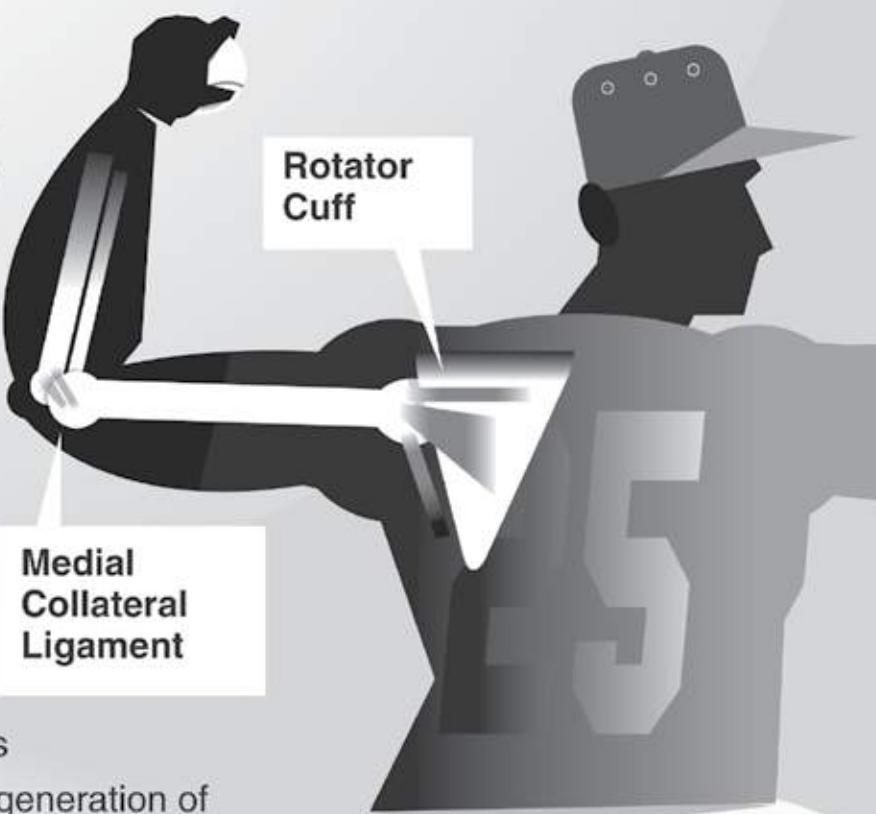
A health professional trained in sports medicine can analyze an injury and recommend treatment

Prevention

Warm up well

Muscles stretch more fully and resist injury when warmed up

The older the athlete, the more important this warm-up becomes



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Pay attention to pain

If arm or shoulder hurt after throwing, continuing to throw can cause a muscle tear

Rest the arm to give it time to heal, and go slowly when throwing again with it



ON THE NET

■ Department of Veterans Affairs: <http://www.va.gov/>
■ Veterans for Medical Marijuana Access: <http://www.veteransformedicalmarijuana.org/>

from receiving opioids for pain management" in a VA facility, Petzel wrote. "The discretion to prescribe, or not

prescribe, opioids in conjunction with medical marijuana, should be determined on clinical grounds."

Opioids are narcotic painkillers, and include morphine, oxycodone and methadone.

Under the previous policy, local VA clinics in some of the 14 states, such as Michigan, had opted to allow the use of medical marijuana because there no rule explicitly prohibiting them from doing so.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, there are 14 states and the District of Columbia with medical marijuana laws. They are: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. New Jersey also recently passed a medical marijuana law, which is scheduled to be implemented next January.

Life & Style

Disney gives sneak peek of new Hawaii resort



This undated photo provided by Disney Enterprises, Inc. shows Construction on Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa in Ko Olina, Hawaii. The resort is scheduled to open Aug. 29, 2011 and features two 15-story room towers, an expansive pool and garden area, spa, restaurants and access to a 9-acre lagoon and Ted Robinson designed 18-hole championship golf course.

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KAPOLEI, Hawaii (AP)—More than 80 years after Mickey Mouse piloted “Steamboat Willie” and whistled his way into the hearts of children across the world, he has finally reached the shores of Hawaii.

The Walt Disney Co. on Friday gave a peek of its sprawling, beachside Hawaiian resort that is under construction and scheduled open next year.

“Aulani” is Disney’s first

major stand-alone resort away from a theme park and could serve as a model for future projects as the company diversifies and expands its vacation offerings.

“This is a very special project for us,” said Tom Staggs, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. “It’s unlike anything that Disney has done before; at the same time, it’s very like many of the things we do.”

Aulani will have 359 hotel rooms, 481 time-share units, restaurants, convention

center, a 15,000-square-foot (1,394-square-meter) spa and massive water play area that includes a volcano tube slide and snorkel lagoon.

It sits on 21 acres (8.5 hectares) on Oahu’s Leeward Coast in the Ko Olina development, known for its white-sand lagoons, scenic golf course and colorful sunsets. Ko Olina is about an hour west of Waikiki, where most of the hotels and tourists are.

Jim Lewis, president of Disney’s time-share component,

said Hawaii makes “perfect sense” with its rich culture, traditions, warm greetings, family values, friendships and story-telling.

“Those are also terms synonymous with Disney,” he said. “And by the way, Hawaii also happens to be one of the most popular vacation destinations on the planet, and that’s the business that we’re in.”

Most of the resort is currently a jungle of concrete, steel, wires and pipes with no Mickey and Minnie in sight. Aulani is sched-

British royals expand online presence with Flickr

LONDON (AP)—These aren’t your average family snapshots.

Queen Elizabeth II is joining other proud parents starting Monday in showing off and sharing her photo albums—and those of the House of Windsor—on the online Flickr photo site.

The launch of the British Monarchy Flickr account will beef up Buckingham Palace’s online presence, adding to its Twitter account and YouTube channel. The site will stream the latest images of royal engagements as well as contain historic photos from the archives, the palace said.

Here is a family with history. More than 600 photos will be available for viewing at the launch—and many stretch back into the glories of the ancestors.

There’s a sepia-toned wedding picture of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, their hands clasped, their faces turned to one another during a blissful moment in 1854. Another black and white picture captures Elizabeth’s parents—King George VI and the queen mother, gazing adoringly upon the fair,



Britain’s Queen Elizabeth II talks with Captain Michael Hepburn, after boarding the yacht ‘Hebridean Princess’ in Stornoway, Scotland, Friday July 23, 2010, with other members of the Royal family, at the start of a holiday sailing around the Western Isles of Scotland.

different themes.

Each family member has their own gallery—those who can’t get enough of say, Prince

Harry, will find all his images in one handy folder. (There’s one for William fans, too.) Another gallery groups together snapshots of the queen’s recent visits to Canada and New York City. A “behind the scenes” collection shows the royal household at work during a state banquet.

The palace’s current Web site has a photo gallery, but it doesn’t have as many pictures and those available aren’t organized for such easy perusal.

But don’t even think about sharing any thoughts on the site about how Prince Charles might look in his diapers. Users won’t be able to leave comments on the photos.

However, people using Flickr can share and embed the royal photos in blogs and social media, officials said.

The Flickr account is just the latest step in the centuries-old monarchy’s efforts to keep up with modern technology.

After podcasting the annual Christmas queen’s speech for the first time in 2006, Buckingham Palace began broadcasting official videos on YouTube.

uled to open Aug. 29, 2011, with hotel reservations to begin next month. Time-share sales started three weeks ago.

With the construction phase alone costing more than \$600 million, Aulani represents a huge investment for Disney amid a sharp tourism downturn.

Staggs, who previously served as Disney’s chief financial officer, wouldn’t comment on the final cost.

“Are we nervous about this investment right now given this economy? The answer is we really aren’t,” he said. “We really do have a fundamental belief in this location and Hawaii in general.”

Staggs called the project “a tremendous opportunity,” giving Disney a permanent presence in the islands. He wouldn’t say what other areas Disney was considering because “right now, our focus is right here and making sure we get this right.”

According to an economic

impact study commissioned by Disney, Aulani is expected to generate 4,800 jobs during construction. When completed, 2,400 jobs will be created, with about half working at the resort. More than \$271 million annually in economic activity will be generated.

The largest units at Aulani are 3-bedroom “Grand Villas”—2,300-square-foot (214-square-meter) timeshare units that are larger than most Hawaii homes, sleep 12 and have sweeping views of the Pacific.

All the hotel and timeshare units have more of a traditional Hawaiian flair with touches of Disney that generally are subtle—other than the surfer Mickey lamp in each room.

David Uchiyama, of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, said Disney’s arrival is a “validator” of the Aloha state as a family destination. He was impressed by Disney’s efforts in trying to connect with Hawaiian culture.

Hundreds at Broadway theater to help child actress

NEW YORK (AP)—The cast and crew of “The Lion King” is trying to save the life of one of its own.

Eleven-year-old actress Shannon Tavarez was forced to quit the Broadway show in April after she was diagnosed with leukemia. Her physician, Dr. Larry Wolfe, said Tavarez needs a bone marrow transplant, but has been unable to find the perfect match. A partial match has been found, but a better one is being sought.

More than 700 people showed up to a bone marrow donor registration on Friday at the Minskoff Theater, where the show is performed, and hundreds more signed up online. Members of the cast and crew helped the potential donors swab the inside of their cheeks to see if their tissue type matched Tavarez’ or anyone else needing a transplant.

Joel Karie, an ensemble member in the show, said he hoped a donor for Tavarez was found soon.

“We want her back on stage,” Karie, 33, said. “It’s frustrating to see someone who knows what they want to do and is so talented, and to have that dream put on hold.”

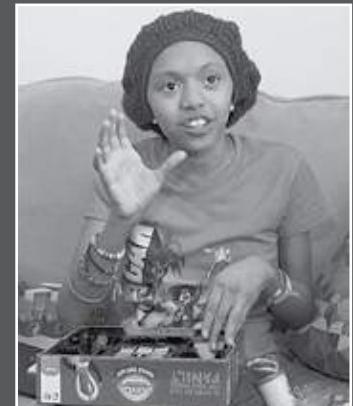
Katharina Harf, co-founder

of the bone marrow registry DKMS, said it was particularly difficult to find a perfect match for Tavarez because her mother is African-American and her father is Hispanic. For bone marrow transplants, minorities and those of mixed ancestry have a more difficult time finding good matches. There aren’t as many people from those groups signed up as potential donors.

“It’s very hard to find donors that are mixed race,” said Harf, who helped organize the drive. “You’re looking for a genetic twin. It’s like finding the needle in a haystack.” She said it would take at least three weeks to find out if there were any matches from the drive.

Tavarez has already undergone chemotherapy, which has taken her long, curly brown hair. Doctors are awaiting the results of a recent test to decide whether she needs another round of chemo, which would put off any transplant for months.

She beat out hundreds of other hopefuls last year to earn her spot playing Young Nala, the girlfriend of the main “Lion King” character, Simba. She split the role with another girl, performing four shows a week for six months.



AP
Eleven-year-old Shannon Tavarez, who starred in the Broadway musical “The Lion King” and suffers with Leukemia, talks about her acting experiences at her home in the Bellrose section of Queens, New York, Friday, July 16, 2010.

Palin fiance Levi Johnston to film music video

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Levi Johnston, the fiance of Sarah Palin's daughter, will make his music video debut as a lover whose romance is thwarted by his girlfriend's disapproving mother, according to a Universal Music Group record label and Johnston's attorney.

Johnston, 20, who is Bristol Palin's fiance, has agreed to appear in the video with singer-songwriter Brittani Senser next

month in Los Angeles. The project is based on the song "After Love" by Senser, 26, a sultry-looking R&B and pop performer from Minneapolis.

"He's looking forward to doing it," Rex Butler, Johnston's attorney in Anchorage, Alaska, said Friday. "It will give him an opportunity to act a little bit in front of a camera. He's done a commercial before, but something like this is

a little more involved."

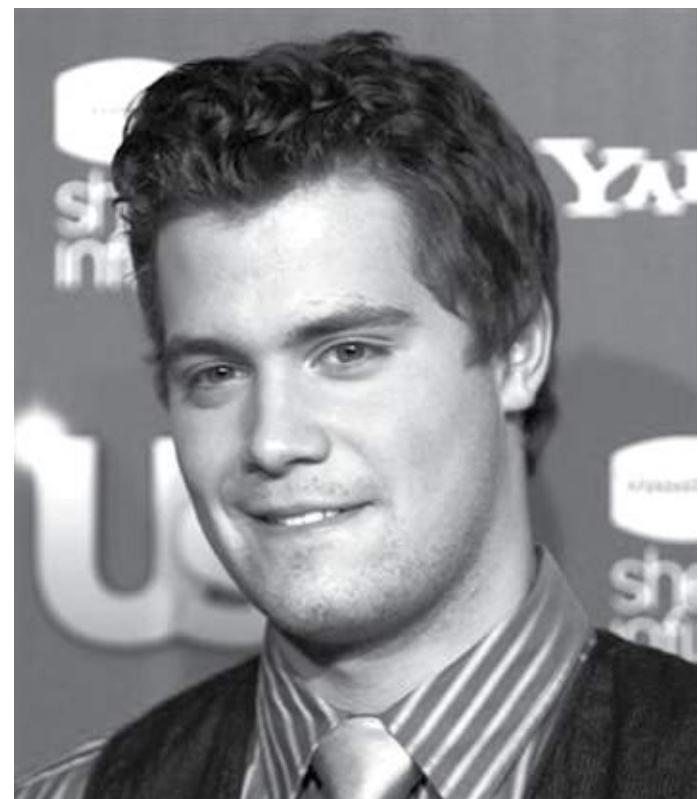
Johnston recently became re-engaged to Palin, 19, the daughter of the former Republican vice presidential candidate and Alaska governor. Bristol Palin, who has a toddler son with Johnston, has said her mother doesn't support the couple's marriage.

According to a written description of the video's story line, the couple share tender

moments before they are driven apart by the young woman's mother. Unaware that her mom's interference forced her boyfriend to go, she "throws herself into her mother's arms. She tells her mother that she was wrong about Levi."

Asked if there might be concerns about Sarah Palin's reaction to the project, Butler replied: "I don't think we're going to be concerned about what Gov. Palin would want. I think that given the script, he (Johnston) should be able to turn in a good performance."

Johnston and Senser are scheduled to shoot the video on location in Los Angeles on Aug. 9, the day after the pair attend the Teen Choice Awards, according to Butler and Senser's publicist, Belinda Foster. Johnston went to the ceremony last year with comedian Kathy Griffin.



AP

In this Nov. 19, 2009 file photo, Levi Johnston arrives at US Weekly's Hot Hollywood party in West Hollywood, Calif.

Singer Al Jarreau changes hospitals in France

MARSEILLE, France (AP)—A helicopter ferried Grammy-award winning singer Al Jarreau from a hospital in the Alps to one in the French port of Marseille after he suffered breathing problems in the mountains that forced him to cancel several concerts, hospital authorities said Saturday.

Jarreau was conscious, in stable condition and in the cardiology unit of La Timone hospital in Marseille, the Marseille Hospital Authority said. He was expected to remain there for about a week for tests.

Jarreau's website said the singer had asked to be taken to the hospital Friday after he had trouble adjusting to the Alpine mountain altitude. He had experienced breathing problems and was for a time in intensive care.

Thursday's concert at a jazz festival in the French mountain town of Barcelonnette, in the



Al Jarreau, seven-time Grammy Award winner, performs during a concert at Festival Jazz des Cinq Continents in Marseille, southern France In this July 21, 2010 file photo.

southern Alps was canceled in the middle of the 70-year-old's warmup routine.

Fatigue as well as the altitude may have played a role in Jarreau's health problems. The singer is on a lengthy overseas tour to Europe and Japan.

Jarreau, who started out in jazz before crossing over into pop and R&B, canceled two shows in Germany and another in Azerbaijan in addition to the one in France. It was not immediately clear when Jarreau would sing again.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

†Doris Taisakan Ogumoro

Born to Life: March 8, 1957 • Born to Eternal Life: July 21, 2010

Predeceased by:

Husband: Joseph Taman Ogumoro
Parents: Benedicto Satur Taisakan
Mother In Law: Magdalena Igisaiar Taisakan
Estefania Taman Ogumoro

Will live in the hearts of her:

Children: Lorraine Ogumoro/Joaquin Igisomar (Junior/Trey)
Lorna Ilap O./Francisco Romeo O. Iginoef (Leimal, Schuubwe, Leilis)
Laurie Lem Ogumoro/Tyron R. Fitial (Asal)
Rona Lemfisch
John Diego T. Rebuenog/Elsie S. Tilipao (Alexi, Zoya, Jazel Star, Maya)
Paul C. Santos

Father In Law: Daniel Rogolifo Oguromo

Brothers/Sisters:

Joaquina T./†Ignacio T. Mendiola, Rosa T./†Theodore Joab, Malua T./David K. Peter, Ignacia T./Guillermo L. Saures, Antonio N./Mary Susan S. Satur, Ramona T./Juan Diego F. Rebuenog, Valentino I./Chris Taisakan, Domitilla T. Taisakan/Santiago L. Saures, Sinforosa T./Pedro S. Kaipat, Engracia T./Juan K. Pelisamen, Marina T./†Luis Iguel, Combiniano I. Taisakan/Molly Retan, Maria T./Leo L. Saures

In-Laws

Representative Felicidad T. Oguromo/+Francisco T. Uludong, Merced T. Oguromo, Martina O./Donald C. Barcenas, Joaquin T./Lauri B. Oguromo, Laura T. Oguromo/John M. Tagabuel, Therese T. Oguromo, Paul T./Shirley C. Oguromo, Carmilynn T. Oguromo

On Sunday, July 25, 2010 at 4:00 PM her remains will be escorted from the CHC Morgue to her residence in Capitol Hill for wake services. Resoponso will follow at 7:30 PM.

On Monday, July 26, 2010 at 9:30 AM our beloved will be escorted from her residence in Capitol Hill to the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM, followed by interment service at the Mount Carmel cemetery. Lunch will follow immediately.

In Celebration of his new life

Taskeshi Martin Alokao Royal

Born on December 14, 1943

Called to his Eternal Rest by our Lord
on Wednesday, July 21, 2010



IN HIS NEW LIFE, HE NOW JOINS HIS:

PARENTS: Royal Alokao & Elizabeth Royal

Brother: David Alokao & Beris Alokao

PARENTS-IN-LAW: Guillermo Villagomez & Carmen Manahane Benavente

Brothers & Sisters-in-Law & Spouses: Antonio M. & Victoria M. Benavente; Fernando M. & Faustina S. Benavente; Ana B. & Felipe C. Aldan; Roman M. & Dolores T. Benavente; Margarita B. & Jose I. Seman; Ignacio M. & Isabel A. Benavente; Rudy Sedmik

HIS MEMORY WILL LIVE ON IN THE HEARTS OF HIS:

Wife: Rosa Benavente Royal

Sons/Daughters & Families:

William & Cecilia Benavente (William Jr. & John/Florie-Tayshawn & Hailey)
Thelma & Rufin S. Inos (Rozanne, Rufin Jr. & Vincent)
Joey & Janet Benavente (Carmen, Jonette & Victoria)
Esther & Paul S. Delos Reyes (Jacob & Jonah)
James Benavente
Elizabeth & Melvin Camacho (Kayla, Kianah, Kaydene & Kelsey)
Kelby & Bonnie Royal (Kevin, Cassandra, Bri'ana & Bryce)
Brimila Dohses

Brothers/Sisters-in-Law: Olister R. Alokao; Inston R. & Serlina I. Alokao; Alokao R. & Myrtha A. Alokao; Aaron R. & Dolina A. Alokao; Lolita D. Alokao; Lino R. & Lolita R. Alokao; Carl R. & Mary C. Alokao

Sisters/Brother-in-Law: Maria B. Sedmik; Bernadita B. & Charles Helstrom

Caregiver: Zenaida Pili

He will be missed by numerous Nieces, Nephews, Relatives and Friends.

Mass of Intention and Holy Rosary are being offered at St. Jude Church as scheduled:

July 22nd & 23rd - mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Rosary

July 24th - mass at 7 a.m., Rosary at 7 p.m.

July 25th - mass at 6 a.m., 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Rosary at 7 p.m.

July 26th - mass at 6 p.m., followed by Rosary

On the final day, Thursday, July 29, 2010, his remains will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home in San Jose to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:00 a.m., followed by Responso and Holy Rosary. Viewing is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m., followed by interment at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Your Thoughts & Prayers are greatly appreciated



Samuel L. Jackson announces 'Avengers' cast



Cast members of the movie "The First Avenger" pose for a photo during a panel at Comic-Con International Saturday, July 24, 2010 in San Diego.

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Comic book fans no longer have to imagine what it might be like to see all their favorite superheroes in one place.

They got the chance Saturday at Comic-Con, when the cast of the forthcoming "Avengers" film took the stage. Samuel L. Jackson surprised some 6,000 fans gathered for a Marvel Stu-

dios presentation when he stepped out just as it was ending and started introducing the cast of "The Avengers."

Jackson brought out stars Clark Gregg, Scarlett Johansson, Chris Hemsworth of "Thor" and Chris Evans of "Captain America."

He then introduced another surprise guest, Robert Downey Jr., who

brought out the rest of the all-star cast, including Jeremy Renner as Hawkeye and Mark Ruffalo as Bruce Banner.

"The Avengers" is based on the comic book series of the same name, which brings various Marvel superheroes together. The film is due in 2012.

'Scott Pilgrim' creates Comic-Con pandemonium

SAN DIEGO (AP)—"Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" won over Comic-Con.

At the end of Universal Pictures' "Scott Pilgrim" panel at the pop-culture convention Thursday, director Edgar Wright had a surprise for the crowd. He invited anyone handed a button marked with an 8-bit rendition of the title character's face at the start of the session to follow the filmmaker to a world premiere screening of the movie.

"Would you people like to follow me to the theater right now to watch the film?" he asked.

Wright stepped off the stage away from assembled cast members and quickly disappeared into a sea of more than 6,000 convention goers. Outside the San Diego Convention Center, masses of people split off into different directions, eventually converging seven blocks away on the historic Balboa Theatre for the comic adaptation debut.

"I'm so, so glad I made it," fan Jennifer Gladwell said. "I didn't know where we were supposed to go!"

In the frenetic flick based on the comic series of the same name, Michael Cera plays a zero-calorie-soda-



Photographers line up to get photos of a group of fans dressed as super heroes at Comic-Con International Saturday, July 24, 2010 in San Diego.

lovin' bassist smitten with neon-haired delivery gal Ramona Flowers. To win Flowers' heart, Pilgrim must smite her seven deadly exes—one is a telekinetic vegan, for example—in duels punctuated with many video game flourishes.

The hundreds of fans who made it into Thursday night's surprise

screening roared for the "Mortal Kombat"-style matchups and feasted their eyes on the splashy visuals, set in a stylized version of Toronto in which ladies can yank giant hammers from their purses and the "Seinfeld" theme unapologetically blasts before domestic situations.

Favreau, Ford, Craig surprise fans at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—It was as though Han Solo himself had stepped into the San Diego Convention Center.

Harrison Ford made a surprise appearance at Comic-Con Saturday, and the crowd of some 6,000 sci-fi and comic book fans greeted him with a sustained standing ovation unmatched by any other during this year's event.

Two security guards playfully brought him out in handcuffs.

The "Star Wars" hero smiled bashfully, seemingly moved by the warm welcome.

"I just wanted to make a living as an actor," he said. "I didn't know about this."

Ford was on hand to help present his

new film, "Cowboys & Aliens," joining a panel that included co-stars Daniel Craig, Sam Rockwell, Olivia Wilde and director Jon Favreau.

The film looks like an old-fashioned Western when suddenly a spaceship arrives. Favreau said he aimed to balance the two genres without relying on too many computer-generated effects.

"The take was make a by-the-book Western right down the middle ... and mix it with the type of sci-fi movie I grew up with, before they had CG when it was verging on horror," he said. "Then just use CGI to do what they couldn't do back then."

"Cowboys & Aliens" is set for release next summer.



Actor Harrison Ford waves to the crowd after a panel for the movie "Cowboys and Aliens" at Comic-Con International Saturday, July 24, 2010 in San Diego.

Robert Rodriguez unveils 'Machete' at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Robert Rodriguez loves Comic-Con, but the San Diego Convention Center is just too limiting. So the filmmaker decided to unveil his new movie, "Machete," on a street corner instead.

Rodriguez showed about seven minutes of footage from the film at an outdoor party Thursday night that featured free tacos and margaritas, scantily clad dancers, a dozen tricked-out low-rider cars and a graffiti wall.

Stars Danny Trejo and Michelle Rodriguez were on hand for the celebration. The film also stars Robert De Niro, Jessica Alba, Steven Seagal, Don Johnson and Lindsay Lohan.

The seven-minute clip was sexy, bloody and action-packed. In one scene, Alba puts out an attacker's eye with a stiletto heel. In another, Trejo's character slices open an opponent's stomach and rappels down a wall with his intestine.

"The human intestine is 10 times longer than the human body," Robert Rodriguez said. "True fact."

The writer-director said "Machete" is a film of and for the fans, who clamored for a full-length movie after seeing a trailer in 2007's "Grindhouse."

"I was never going to go beyond the trailer," he said.

The film focuses on Trejo's character, Machete, a renegade who's fighting against corruption in the United States and Mexico. Robert Rodriguez wrote the part for Trejo, his first starring role in a 25-year career.

"No matter where you go, there's



Actress Michelle Rodriguez arrives at a press conference for her feature film "Battle: Los Angeles" at Comic Con in San Diego, Calif. on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

always going to be corruption," Robert Rodriguez said. "So you almost have to create this superhero that can solve a problem that we find unsolvable ourselves."

"This is the first Latino superhero," said Michelle Rodriguez, who sports an eye patch in "Machete."

Lohan, currently in a Los Angeles jail for a probation violation, plays a pistol-packing nun in the movie. The director said her character has "a really great, surprising arc."

"I was playing with icons a lot in this," Robert Rodriguez said. "She was already so iconic in one way, I thought, 'How can you play with that, play with these images in pop culture?' And everything that's going on with her now only fuels that even more."

COMIC-CON BRIEFS

Fans see 'Green Lantern' footage at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Ryan Reynolds says he took the title role in "Green Lantern" to play a hero that can "throw a punch, tell a joke and kiss a girl." The actor, along with castmates Blake Lively, Peter Sarsgaard and Mark Strong and director Martin Campbell, presented a clip from the film at Comic-Con Saturday for some 6,000 ecstatic fans, many of whom camped out overnight for a chance to see the presentation.

Campbell says the 3-D movie blends realistic action with humor and an otherworldly trip to the planet Oa, home of the Green Lanterns. He added that while the hero's costume is "a work in progress," his cinematic story is set: He is joined by his fellow Green Lanterns for a face-off against Parallax, whom Reynolds describes as "the physical manifestation of fear in our movie." The clip showed Reynolds as Hal Jordan, who, after a fight with street thugs, takes the Green Lantern oath and uses his new powers to blow them away. Reynolds recited the oath for the Comic-Con crowd, which rewarded him with cheers. The cast seemed to embrace the Comic-Con energy, and revealed which characters they'd dress up with if they could walk the convention floor. Reynolds would go as a Wookie because he likes to "be cute and dangerous." Lively would dress as

Harry Potter and Sarsgaard would go as Captain America. Strong said he'd dress as his "Green Lantern" character, Sinestro. DC Comics chief Geoff Johns hinted that other Green Lantern films, and a Justice League movie, could follow: "The success of 'Green Lantern' will lead the charge for everything DC does." "Green Lantern" opens in June.

Harry Potter preview draws big crowd at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Beloved boy wizard Harry Potter comes face to face with Voldemort in the first cinematic installment of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." Actor Tom Felton shared an exclusive clip of the forthcoming film Saturday with about 6,000 convention-goers at Comic-Con. Many of them camped out overnight for a chance to see the footage. The clip showed Potter and his pals navigating a dark world after Voldemort and his minions overtake the Ministry of Magic and Hogwarts. It introduced Bill Nighy in his role as Rufus Scrimgeour and hinted at a confrontation between Harry and Ron Weasley. Felton, who plays Draco Malfoy, said the entire cast is "incredibly proud" of the last two films. He said it was tough to part from his castmates on the last day of shooting, adding that star Daniel Radcliffe "cried like a girl." The movie opens in November.

Zsa Zsa Gabor has transfusion, remains critical



In this Aug. 15, 1986 file photo, actress Zsa Zsa Gabor is shown Los Angeles.

LA reality TV starlet released from prison

LYNWOOD, California (AP)—A reality television starlet who pleaded no contest to felony burglary in connection with a break-in at actor Orlando Bloom's home was released from a Los Angeles County jail Friday after serving 30 days of a 180-day sentence.

Alexis Neiers, 19, was set free around 7:40 p.m. Friday from the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood, sheriff's officials said.

She agreed to a plea bargain in May shortly before her trial was to begin. Bloom, star of the "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Lord of the Rings" film franchises, had been expected to testify.

In a statement released through her publicist Friday,

Neiers said she "did a lot of soul searching" during her time behind bars.

"I feel very humbled and see my life in a way that I have come to be very grateful for and I am also grateful to everyone who has helped and supported me through this," the statement said.

Neiers was among six people accused of targeting the Hollywood Hills homes of Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton, Bloom and others and stealing millions in jewelry, clothing and other luxury goods.

Neiers, an aspiring model who has been the subject of the E! Entertainment Television reality show "Pretty Wild," was held in the same facility where Lohan is serving 90 days for a probation violation.



Actor Orlando Bloom, poses for the cameras before he received an honorary degree from the University of Kent during a ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral in Canterbury England, Tuesday July 13, 2010.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zsa Zsa Gabor's husband says the actress remains in critical condition after receiving a blood transfusion.

Prince Frederic von Anhalt said Saturday that doctors are hopeful new medication will help the 93-year-old recover. She received the transfusion Friday night.

Von Anhalt says his wife is conscious and was able to squeeze his hand and whisper

a few words Saturday morning.

Gabor broke her hip after she fell out of bed last weekend at her Bel-Air home. She had hip replacement surgery Monday.

The Hungarian-born Gabor has had to use a wheelchair after being partially paralyzed in a 2002 car accident.

Alfred Molina to join new 'Law & Order' series

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Veteran film and Broadway actor Alfred Molina is joining the cast of "Law & Order: Los Angeles," which debuts this fall as the newest member of the NBC crime drama family.

Molina will play Deputy District Attorney Morales, said Dick Wolf, creator and executive producer of the series nicknamed "LOLA" that will air 10 p.m. Eastern time on Wednesdays.

The show's premiere date—and the first name of Molina's character—have yet to be announced.

"I am thrilled that Fred is 'LOLA's' deputy D.A.," Wolf said in a statement Saturday, adding that Molina joins a list of outstanding character actors who have starred in "Law & Order" series, including Sam Waterson, Dianne Wiest and Michael Moriarity.

"Law & Order: Los Angeles" will join "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" on NBC. The original "Law & Order" ended its run last season after 20 years to share a longevity record with "Gunsmoke."



In this June 13, 2010 file photo, Alfred Molina arrives at the 61st Annual Tony Awards in New York.

Skeet Ulrich ("Jericho") plays a lead detective in the new crime drama that, like its predecessors, divides its episodes between the work of police and prosecutors.

Molina's film credits include "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Spider-Man 2" and "The Da Vinci Code." He recently starred on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning drama "Red."

"Law & Order: Los Angeles" is produced by Wolf Films and Universal Media Studios. Wolf is joined by Rene Balcer, Blake Masters and Peter Jankowski as executive producers.

Wesley Snipes' attorneys want to question jurors

ATLANTA (AP)—Attorneys for actor Wesley Snipes say they want to question jurors who convicted the actor of tax-related charges to determine whether any had made up their minds about his guilt before trial.

The motion filed Friday in Florida federal court says that an unnamed juror sent Snipes' attorney Daniel Meachum an e-mail claiming that three other jurors had presumed Snipe's guilt.

The motion says that would violate Snipes' constitutional right to a fair trial.

Snipes was convicted in 2008 of three misdemeanor counts of willful failure to file his income tax returns. The 47-year-old is free on an appeals bond. However, federal prosecutors in Florida have asked a judge to revoke the bond and or-



In this Dec. 8, 2006 file photo, actor Wesley Snipes leaves the Federal Courthouse in Ocala Fla. der Snipes to begin serving a three-year sentence.

Recent widower isn't required to follow a dating timetable

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I were having dinner with another couple when a conversation ensued that divided the men's views from the women's. It concerned a recently widowed man (I'll call him "John") who is dating a woman from our wives' circle of friends, "Peggy." (Peggy is a widow.)

The wives were appalled that John has begun dating only three months after his wife "Gloria's" death, and insisted a woman in his situation would not. Furthermore, the women went on to question whether it was appropriate for him to date within Gloria's circle of friends. Our wives believe that anyone within this circle should be off limits, while we men don't see it as a problem.

So my question is: What is the proper protocol? (As an aside, the women now shun both John and Peggy.)

JUST WONDERING IN THE BAY AREA

Dear Abby



DEAR JUST WONDERING: "The wives" obviously identify with Gloria and feel that John's not wearing sack-cloth and ashes for at least a year after her death is disrespectful to her memory. That's what they would expect from you. They would also prefer that you not date any of the available women in your circle. They were stating their feelings. So consider yourselves put on notice!

From my perspective, it seems your wives feel neither John nor Peggy has grieved long enough, and so they are punishing them. It is possible, however, that Gloria told John she didn't want him to be alone and grieve after she was gone, which is why he is being comforted by someone who knew them both. I'd advise your wives to give them the benefit of the doubt instead of shunning them.

DEAR ABBY: I regularly get phone calls that start with, "How are you doing?" I am often stuck trying to recognize the voice and sometimes I can't. When I ask who's calling, the caller becomes miffed that I didn't recognize his or her voice.

Have people forgotten telephone manners? Receiving no introduction from a caller often leaves me in the dark. I was taught to identify myself before starting the conversation. Am I being a fuddy-duddy?

WHO'S CALLING? IN RICHMOND, KY.

DEAR WHO: Your problem is not uncommon. Unless the caller is a close family member or friend, it's presumptuous for someone to assume his or her voice will be recognized.

Some people solve this problem by having caller ID on their phone so they can see a caller's name and/or number when the phone rings. Others handle it this way: "How am I doing? I'm doing great! How are YOU doing?" Once the person starts talking, the chances become greater that you'll know who's on the line. However, if you don't, feel free to add: "Who is this?"

DEAR ABBY: I recently had a child and would like to join a church for the community, moral messages and the music. I grew up going to one and got a lot out of it.

However, exploration throughout my 20s made me realize that I didn't believe what was being taught. I tried hard to accept the doctrines, but truthfully, I doubt I ever will. Would it be dishonest to start attending again?

NEW MOM IN ARKANSAS

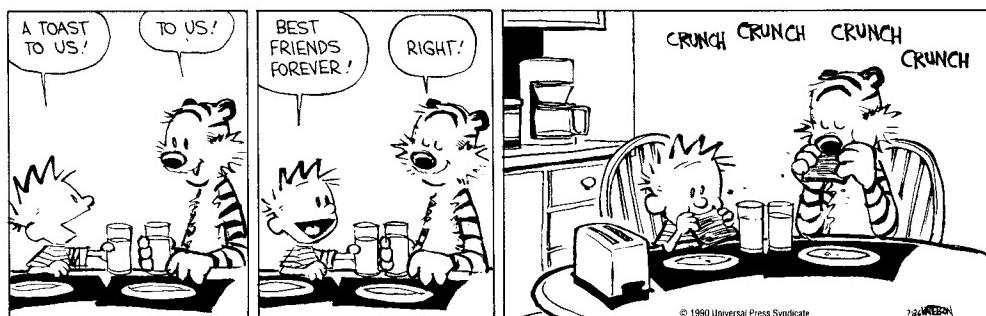
DEAR NEW MOM: Many people consider themselves to be more "spiritual" than "religious." And I'm willing to bet that in many congregations there is a range in the intensity of belief among the attendees.

I encourage you to select a denomination with which you feel most comfortable. Some—like the Unitarian Universalist faith (www.uua.org)—have no dogma or creed and support their members in following their own spiritual paths.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes



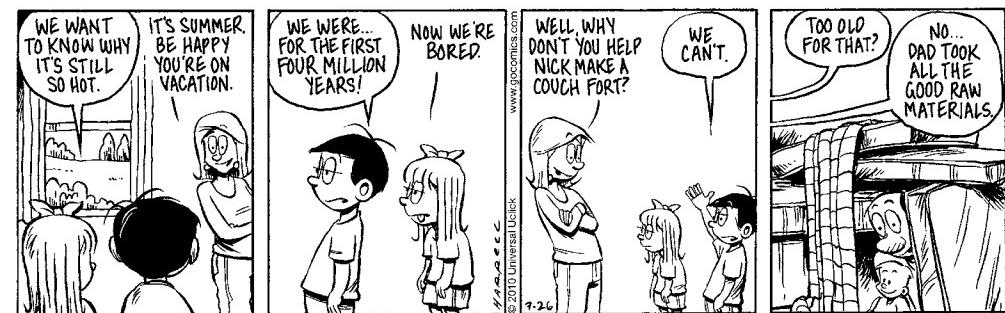
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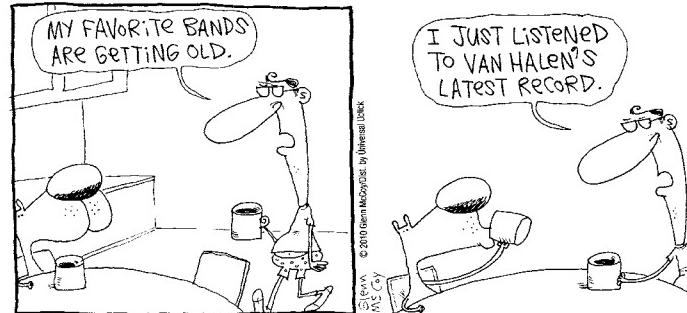
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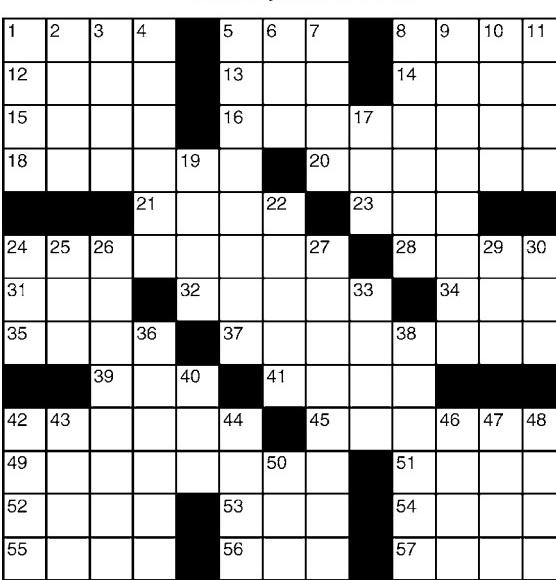
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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13	Hostel	39 Father	1 Notion
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24	Abscond after release from jail	54 Fasting period	9 Curse kid
28	Bigfoot's cousin	55 Reamer	10 PC
31	Man-mouse link	56 Sumo	30 Press coverage
32	These (Sp.)	57 Issue	33 Agile
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		60 Epi	40 Society newcomer
		61 Poke	42 Garbage barge
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		65 Spy	47 Arm bone
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			50 Baton Rouge sch.

Saturday's answer 7-26



For answers to today's crossword, call 1-800-226-5951 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

STUMPED?

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kate Beckinsale, 37; Sandra Bullock, 46; Kevin Spacy, 51; Helen Mirren, 65

Happy Birthday: Accomplishment is the name of the game and this can be your best year ever as you put yourself on the line and strive for victory. Use your talent and your ingenuity to achieve your goals, using practical methods that bring you the most for the least. Your attitude, coupled with high quality, will make others take notice. Your numbers are 3, 11, 21, 24, 27, 36, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be positive and gracious in all circumstances in order to reach your destination. Don't allow someone else's uncertainty to be your downfall. Keep moving in a direction that satisfies your own needs. ☀️☀️

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you do what no one expects of you, it will send a strong message and put you in the running for a unique position with your family or colleagues. Love is a byproduct of showing what you are capable of doing. ☀️

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your skills, knowledge and ability to get ahead or get things done for yourself. Don't let a love incident blacken your day or stop you from accomplishing what you need to do. You can't please everyone. ☀️☀️☀️

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't feel obliged to act impulsively, especially with matters pertaining to home, family and your position. Your intuition can help if you listen carefully to what everyone around you is saying.

Don't let a bully talk you into a route that is uncomfortable or personally non-progressive. ☀️☀️

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Thrive on change and you can make things happen. Use what you have learned in the past for your future plans. What you discover now will change the way you handle others and impact your relationships. ☀️☀️

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have a lot to contend with if you want to get things done and done right. Don't let what others do have an impact on your plans. Taking responsibility will lead to financial and professional advancement. ☀️☀️

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you do what you say, you will build a solid reputation. You don't have to settle for less if you are willing to put in the extra hours it takes to perfect, polish and present whatever you want to share with others. ☀️☀️☀️

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't limit

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yourself by giving in to someone for the wrong reason. Face problems head-on, eliminating any chance of a repeat performance in the future. A money deal or contractual agreement looks promising. ☀️☀️

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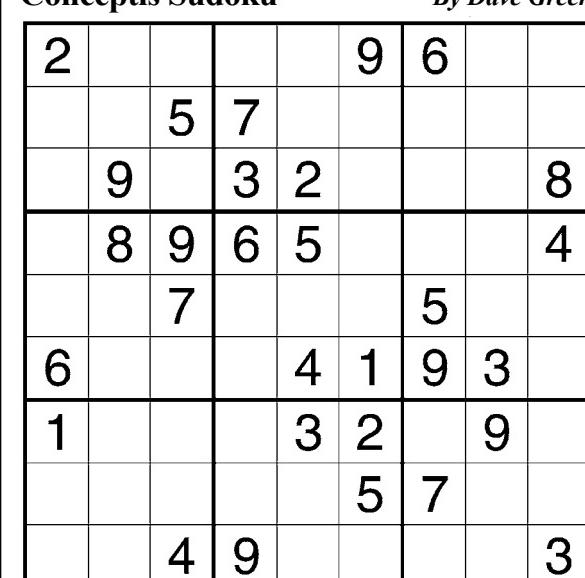
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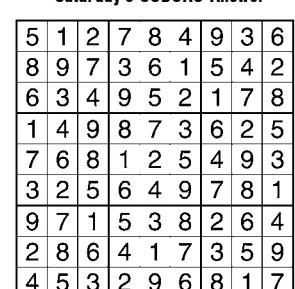
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Contador locks up Tour title in next-to-last stage



P A U I L L A C ,
France (AP)—
Wiping away tears,
Alberto Contador
is ready for the
champagne to flow.

After three daunting weeks of crashes, biting cold, fog and searing heat, he is set to become the Tour de France champion again.

The Spaniard all but captured his third title in four years Saturday by holding off a full-bore challenge from his main rival, Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, in a 32-mile individual time trial in the next-to-last stage. Sunday's ride into Paris is a mostly ceremonial affair.

"I am very moved ... It was a difficult Tour and I'm very happy," a tearful Contador said.

He took a deep breath and his hand trembled as he fired an index finger—the trademark gesture by the rider nicknamed "El Pistolero"—to fans after donning the yellow jersey one more time.

"I think it's the first Tour that has given me so much emotion, you can't imagine," he said.

Contador wasn't in top form, but did what he had to. The defending champion extended his lead over Schleck from eight seconds to 39 in a stage won by Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland.

Now Contador surely gets to wear yellow on the Champs-Elysees. And as the unquestioned leader of his sport at 27 years old, he remains on track for a possible challenge to Lance Armstrong's record of seven Tour wins.

Barring a wild turn of events, Contador awaits a coronation in the 20th and final stage on Sunday—a 64-mile ride from Longjumeau to the famed Paris thoroughfare. Any attempted attacks by riders would likely be quashed by Contador and his Astana teammates.

Contador will have won the Tour without winning a stage. He'll become the first champion to have done that since Greg LeMond of the U.S. won the last of his three titles in 1990—not counting 2006—when Oscar Pereiro of Spain inherited his title only after American Floyd Landis lost it for doping.

Contador acknowledged this wasn't his best Tour.

"Cycling is not like mathematics. There are moments when you are very well-prepared and everything runs smoothly. But this year, maybe I was not in the best shape really," he said.

"Today I was not feeling so well: I didn't sleep well, I had a stomachache," Contador said through a translator, before adding: "Eventually, things went pretty well."

Schleck, who is poised to finish second to Contador for the second straight year, had no regrets.

"Beating Contador is not easy, but I tried everything," Schleck said. "I am happy, and I'll come back next year to win."

"I think I did the best time-trial of my cycling life so far," he added.

During the race, Schleck was hindered by the withdrawal of his older brother and teammate. Frank Schleck broke his collarbone in a crash over the cobblestones in the third stage along the Belgian-French border.

The 39-second margin is exactly the time that Schleck lost to Contador in the controversial 15th stage on Monday. That's when the Luxembourg rider's bike chain became entangled in



AP

Overall leader Alberto Contador of Spain spreads his arms on the podium after the 19th stage of the Tour de France cycling race, an individual time trial over 52 kilometers (32.3 miles) with start in Bordeaux and finish in Pauillac, south western France, Saturday, July 24, 2010.

a final Pyrenean climb—and Contador sped on.

Some called it a breach of cycling's often-unclear etiquette, which calls for riders to respect the yellow jersey—Schleck was wearing it then—in times of uncontrollable mishaps like a crash.

That day, Contador took the jersey and has worn it since.

Schleck was at first angered over Contador's move to bolt ahead, but he later appealed to fans not to jeer the Spaniard. The two riders have vacationed together and Schleck calls him a friend.

Saturday's stage seemed destined for drama: Riders set off one by one down a starter's ramp for a race against the clock and the podium positions on the line.

It was the final showdown in a race that's been a two-man battle since Schleck took the yellow jersey in the

Alps in the ninth stage. A day earlier, Armstrong—once a possible contender—fell from contention after crashing and struggling in two Alpine climbs.

"We had suspense until the last moment," Tour director Christian Prudhomme said.

Long written off as not being among the best in time trials, Schleck and many in cycling believed he would need the time trial of his life, or for Contador to have a really bad day or encounter some mishap.

At the first time check Saturday, 11 miles, Schleck erased two seconds off the deficit to Contador, though both men were still about 90 seconds behind Cancellara.

But by the second and third time checks, Contador gained speed and momentum on his rival. By the second

check, 22 miles, he was seven seconds faster. By the third, near the finish, he led by 17 seconds.

"Everybody knows it was not like last year when Contador was just better than me," Schleck said. "In the climbs, we were pretty equal. But it's three weeks and the time all counts."

Cancellara, one of the world's top time-trial riders, was 17 seconds ahead of Tony Martin of Germany. Bert Grabsch of Germany was third, 1 minute, 48 seconds behind the winner. Contador was 35th, 5:43 back, while Schleck finished 44th, 6:14 behind Cancellara.

Denis Menchov of Russia, who won the 2009 Giro d'Italia, overtook Samuel Sanchez of Spain to wrest third place overall. Menchov began the day in fourth, 21 seconds be-

hind Sanchez. The Russian finished 11th—3:51 back of Cancellara while Sanchez was 40th, 5:51 behind. Overall, Menchov now trails Contador by 2:01, and Sanchez fell to fourth, trailing his compatriot by 3:40.

Armstrong is set to go out with a whimper in his last Tour. The 38-year-old Texan once dominated time trials. But he finished Saturday's stage in 67th place, 7:05 back of Cancellara. Overall, he is 23rd - 39:20 behind Contador, his former teammate and rival.

Armstrong returned to a RadioShack team car and left without speaking to reporters after the stage.

In last year's Tour, tensions flared between Contador and Armstrong, who finished third in his Tour comeback after four years of retirement from the race he dominated from 1999 to 2005. Now, the two enjoy a "mutual respect," Contador said.

Armstrong still can walk away with pride: His RadioShack squad is set to win the team competition.

In the other race categories—assuming the riders and teams finish Sunday—France's Anthony Charteau has clinched the polka-dot jersey for the race's best climber. Schleck, 25, will take home the white jersey for being the best young Tour rider for a third consecutive year.

The last question concerns the green jersey, which is given to the best sprinter. Alessandro Petacchi, a 36-year-old Italian, looks likely to win that shirt.

After more than 2,175 miles of racing, Contador is poised for another narrow victory. In 2007, when he won for the first time, he beat Australia's Cadel Evans by only 23 seconds. In that Tour, the tightest in the race's 107-year history, American rider Levi Leipheimer was third, 31 seconds behind the Spaniard.

This edition is set to become only the fifth Tour decided by less than a minute. The record is the eight seconds—by LeMond over Laurent Fignon of France in 1989.

The result has fanned Schleck's confidence for a fight another day.

"Unfortunately it was not enough to beat Alberto, but he was pretty exhausted at the end," he said. "I think we had a nice fight out there between him and me today. I'll be back to win this."

Dean Wilson leads Canadian Open



TORONTO (AP)—
Dean Wilson is taking full advantage of a sponsor exemption—and his long friendship with Canadian star Mike Weir.

Relying on his past champion status to get into tournaments after finishing 152nd last year on the PGA Tour money list, the 40-year-old Wilson—Weir's teammate at BYU—received a sponsor exemption into the Canadian Open.

"I really appreciate that," Wilson said Saturday after shooting his third straight 5-under 65 to take a four-stroke lead over record-setting Carl Pettersson, Tim Clark and Bob Estes at rainy St. George's.

"Last year didn't turn out so good, and I'm a little more appreciative of getting in tournaments and playing and being out here and fighting and being in the battle. That time away, makes you think about what you don't have."

Before Wilson and Clark teed off, Pettersson shot a 10-under 60 in calm and dry morning conditions to break the tournament record, missing a 59 when his 30-foot birdie putt from the fringe grazed the left edge

on the par-4 18th.

"I hit a pretty good 6-iron in there, but the wind sort of got it," Pettersson said. "And you can't go past the hole because then you got no chance. And it was actually a difficult putt to get to the hole because it was very steep uphill."

"I hit a good putt. I told myself, 'You cannot leave this short. You got to give this a chance.' And I hit a solid putt and it was just hovering right on the left side. ... With 6 inches less pace it probably would have gone in."

Estes had a 66, and Clark shot a 69 to match Pettersson at 11 under. Bryce Molder (63), Kevin Sutherland (65), Trevor Immelman (65) and Brock Mackenzie (68) were 10 under, and Jeff Quinney (64) and Cliff Kresge (66) were another stroke back.

Wilson, a six-time winner in Japan who won the 2006 International for his lone PGA Tour title, made his move midway through the round in the rain, birdieing Nos. 9-11. He holed a 5-footer on the par-5 ninth, an 8-footer on the par-4 10th and another 5-foot putt on the par-5 11th to open a three-stroke lead.

"Another day in Hawaii," said Wilson, from Kaneohe. "You just can't

fight (the rain). You know that it's going to be there. You can't complain about it, and you just got to be a little tougher than the rain."

Wilson birdied the par-5 15th, making a downhill 6-footer, then gave the stroke back with a bogey on the par-3 16th. He closed with a 5-foot birdie putt on 18 to match Arnold Palmer at 195 for the tournament 54-hole record. Palmer set the mark at nearby Weston in 1955 en route to his first tour victory.

"This golf course is a great test," Wilson said. "I haven't heard one bad thing about it."

Pettersson was trying to become the second player this month and fifth overall to shoot a 59 on the PGA Tour. Paul Goydos did it July 8 in the John Deere Classic and Al Geiberger (1977 Memphis Classic), Chip Beck (1991 Las Vegas Invitational) and David Duval (1999 Bob Hope Classic) also have accomplished the feat. In May on the Japan Tour, Ryo Ishikawa shot a 58—the lowest score ever on a major tour.

"Obviously, I'm happy with the round, but I would have loved to have seen that putt go in," said Pettersson, a three-time PGA Tour winner.

Santana shines to guide Angels over Rangers



ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Ervin Santana struck out eight

over eight innings to guide the Los Angeles Angels to an 8-2 win over the Texas Rangers in the American League on Saturday.

Santana (9-7) had an embarrassing 8.05 ERA in his first nine career starts at Rangers Ballpark, but the only damage Texas could do against him this time were two solo homers.

Jeff Mathis homered for the Angels, who won their first game in four and moved back within six games of AL West-leading Texas.

Rangers starter Scott Feldman (5-9) took the loss.

Royals 7, Yankees 4

In New York, Jose Guillen homered and drove in two runs as Kansas City beat New York.

Rick Ankiel also had a pair of RBIs as Kansas City pounded New York's spot starter Sergio Mitre.

Royals starter Kyle Davies (5-6) served up a pair of home runs but otherwise held the hot-hitting Yankees in check on a sweltering afternoon in the Bronx. Davies survived 5 1-3 innings to win for the first time since May.

Alex Rodriguez remained stuck on 599 career home runs for the second straight day. He flew out in the first, singled in the fourth and grounded out in the fifth.

Athletics 10, White Sox 2

In Oakland, Jack Cust hit two home runs as Oakland cruised past Chicago.

Kurt Suzuki, who agreed terms on a four-year deal with the A's a day earlier, added a homer of his own.

Chicago starter Freddy Garcia (9-4) lasted a career-low 1 2-3 innings and had his personal six-game winning streak snapped. He gave up five runs and walked three in his brief appearance.

Oakland's Vin Mazzaro (6-2) ceded a two-run homer in the second, while striking out five to take the win.

Blue Jays 3, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Jose Bautista drove in a pair of runs to help Toronto to a win over Detroit, who lost Magglio Ordonez to a fractured ankle.

Ordonez broke his ankle sliding into home plate and is expected to miss 6-to-8 weeks. It was the second major injury this week for the Tigers, who lost third baseman Brandon Inge to a broken left hand.

Carlos Guillen also left the game with a calf injury.

Toronto starter Shaun Marcum (9-4) allowed two runs in 5 2-3 innings. Kevin Gregg pitched the ninth for his 22nd save in 26 tries.

Tigers rookie Rick Porcello (4-8) dropped to 0-4 in his past six starts, a stretch that included a trip to the minors. He allowed three runs and four walks in six innings.

Rays 6, Indians 3

In Cleveland, David Price held it together after a rocky start to guide Tampa Bay to its first win in Cleveland in 19 attempts.

Price (13-5) trailed 3-0 in the second, but allowed only three hits in seven-plus innings and tied C.C. Sabathia for the league lead in wins.

A three-run homer from Ben Zo-



AP
Los Angeles pitcher Ervin Santana points to the sky after the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Arlington, Texas, Saturday, July 24, 2010.

brist and a solo shot from Carlos Pena helped the Rays get their first win at the Indians since 2005.

Mariners 5, Red Sox 1

In Seattle, Michael Saunders hit a two-run homer in the sixth to put Seattle on course for victory over Boston.

Boston starter Jon Lester (11-5) was on course for a no-hitter early in the sixth before Saunders' shot, and the Mariners added three more runs in the eighth.

It was only the second homer Lester had given up to a left-handed hitter all season.

Seattle's Chris Seddon (1-0) got his first career win.

Twins 7, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, Delmon Young went 4-for-4 with a homer and three RBIs to power Minnesota past Baltimore.

The four hits tied a career high for Young, who is batting .429 with four homers and 22 RBIs in July.

The Twins received an impressive pitching performance from Scott Baker (8-9), who allowed two runs, struck out eight and walked just one in seven innings. He is 5-0 with a 2.53 ERA in seven career outings against the Orioles.

Minnesota took a 3-2 lead on Young's two-run drive in the fifth inning before pulling away against the Baltimore bullpen.

Braves 10, Marlins 5

In Miami, Brooks Conrad hit a pinch-hit grand slam to put the Atlanta Braves ahead in an eight-run eighth inning, as they rallied past the Florida Marlins.

New York's Oliver Perez (0-4), starting his second inning of relief, retired one batter before Loney drove a pitch into the seats in right-center.

Loney's homer was timely because the Dodgers had no true relievers left in the bullpen. Much-maligned reliever George Sherrill (1-1), the ninth Dodgers pitcher, worked a perfect inning for the win.

Cubs 6, Cardinals 5

In Chicago, rookies Tyler Colvin and Starlin Castro homered Saturday, completing a successful week at the top of Chicago's order and helping the Cubs to a victory over St. Louis.

Since Cubs manager Lou Piniella decided last Sunday to put his two youngest position players atop the batting order, Colvin and Castro have combined to hit .385 with 13 runs and 11 RBIs.

One of the majors' lowest-scoring teams, Chicago has averaged 7.2 runs in the six games since the move, winning four times.

The Cardinals finally scored after being shut out the previous two days but still suffered a third straight loss.

Reds 7, Astros 0

In Houston, Johnny Cueto pitched eight scoreless innings to guide Cincinnati to an easy win over Houston.

Joey Votto hit a two-run home run in the first inning and Ramon Hernandez, who also drove in a run in the third, added a solo shot in the second.

Houston starter Roy Oswalt (6-12), who has requested a trade, had one of his worst outings of the season. He allowed six runs in five innings.

Giants 10, Diamondbacks 4

In Phoenix, Juan Uribe hit a grand slam as San Francisco soundly defeated Arizona.

Madison Bumgarner pitched seven

NBA BRIEFS

Kahn fined \$50,000 for talk of Beasley's drug use

NEW YORK (AP)—The NBA fined Minnesota Timberwolves president of basketball operations David Kahn \$50,000 on Friday for his radio remarks about power forward Michael Beasley's past marijuana use. The league also fined the Timberwolves organization \$50,000 for what it called inappropriate comments. In an interview broadcast Thursday on the Twin Cities ESPN Radio affiliate, Kahn called the recently acquired Beasley "a very young and immature kid who smoked too much marijuana" while he was playing in Miami. Kahn said Beasley told him he's done with pot. "I told him I would trust him as long as that was the case," Kahn told KSTP-AM. The second overall selection in the 2008 draft, the 6-foot-10 Beasley was recently traded by the Heat to the Timberwolves for a pair of second-round draft picks.

Both the Timberwolves and Kahn declined to comment on the fines through a team spokesman.

Tyreke Evans pleads no contest to reckless driving

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—Prosecutors say Sacramento Kings guard Tyreke Evans has pleaded no contest to

steady innings as the Giants shook off teammate Eugenio Velez's scary head injury.

Velez was injured in the fourth inning when a sharp liner by teammate Pat Burrell knocked him off his feet in the dugout, and he was taken to hospital.

The Diamondbacks got a shaky start from Ian Kennedy (5-8) and an even worse bullpen performance to lose their third straight.

Padres 9, Pirates 2

In Pittsburgh, Mat Latos pitched effectively over six innings despite giving up two solo home runs in his first start since July 8 as San Diego downed Pittsburgh.

With Latos (11-4) back in the rotation and winning his sixth in a row, it was a typical night for the Padres. They lack power hitters and their .253 batting average is the NL's fourth worst, yet a team with a league-best 57-39 record keeps finding ways to manufacture runs.

A fielding error began a three-run sixth — the first of two multiple-run San Diego innings that started with an infield error.

Jeff Karstens (2-6) took the loss.

Brewers 4, Nationals 3

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun's single in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Milwaukee a win over Washington.

With one out, Rickie Weeks singled off Nationals reliever Drew Storen (2-2), and Joe Inglett drew a walk after being down 0-2 in the count. Braun then lined a shot off the left-field wall to score Weeks.

Braun also homered in the first for the Brewers.

Nationals closer John Axford (6-1) blew his first save in 15 chances as Washington lost its 12th straight one-run game on the road.

reckless driving. Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully says Evans had his driving license suspended for 30 days and was ordered to serve three years of informal probation after entering his no contest plea Friday. Evans was also ordered to serve 80 hours of alternative sentencing and participate in two highway patrol driving programs. The California Highway Patrol pulled over the NBA's Rookie of the Year on May 31 after an air patrol said he was driving his Mercedes at more than 100 mph on Interstate 80 in Sacramento County. After the arrest, a CHP spokeswoman said Evans was cooperative and wasn't under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Report: Former NBA player Wright missing

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The sister of Lorenzen Wright says the former NBA player has been missing for nearly a week. Savia Archie tells WREG.com in Memphis that Wright was last seen Sunday when he was expected to fly out of the city. The family has filed a missing persons report with police, who tell the website they don't suspect foul play. Wright played in college at Memphis and later for the Grizzlies as a pro. He last played in the league for the Cleveland Cavaliers during the 2008-09 season.

USSP Club holds qualifiers for Labor Day 8-ball tourney



USSP Club is holding free qualifying tournaments on Sundays and Tuesdays for its Labor Day Customer Appreciation 8-ball tournament.

Dean Santos is the latest qualifier, joining Joe Asanuma and Mei Rengil in the lineup for the \$100 first prize on Sept. 4.

There is no entry fee for the tournaments, held to fill the 16-player bracket for the Labor Day final. The bracket will be filled out with the person who did not win but scored the most points in qualifying rounds.

Defending champion Simeon Kapileo, winner of the Father's Day Customer Appreciation



their opponents.

"We expect to keep ourselves competitive in all the events we will be joining in. But if there has to be one choice, I would say that our collective experience and skills will be more apparent in the

team event," Lim said.

Besides Pohnpei and Palau, the CNMI will also face Guam ping-pong players. Guam's Kim Jin Up won the men's singles gold, but he is not listed on the island's roster for this

ing to do anything," Mayweather said.

On Monday, Mayweather advisor Leonard Ellerbe issued a statement that said no negotiations for a fight against Pacquiao ever took place—which took Arum completely by surprise.

Arum insists that he has been negotiating for possibly the richest fight in boxing history with Mayweather's team for months.

Arum said he was using HBO Sports boss Ross Greenburg as an intermediary because he has a rancorous relationship with Mayweather, and that all that was left was for Mayweather to sign for the fight.

Greenburg has repeatedly declined to comment on the negotiations.

"The thing that's silly about this is all Floyd had to say from the get-go was, 'Hey, I'm not interested in fighting this year,'" Arum said. "That's all he had to do."

The biggest winner in the bizarre soap opera ends up being Margarito, who was once considered among the most feared fighters in boxing. Then came his own fight last year against Mosley, when he

was discovered to have loaded hand wraps before a stunningly one-sided loss.

Margarito and his former trainer were suspended for at least one year by the California State Athletic Commission, a decision that has been upheld by other state commissions.

That creates a logistical problem for his fight against Pacquiao.

Arum said he wants to hold the fight in Las Vegas, where Pacquiao would not be subject to income taxes and where he could most likely get the largest site fee. For that to happen, Margarito would need to get licensed in Nevada, and his request earlier this month was tabled by the state athletic commission until he answers to authorities in California.

"In Nevada, he's asked for them to consider giving him a conditional license to fight on Nov. 13. He's also going to file his application for his license in California," Arum said.

"There are other states that have contacted us that say they'll give him a license."

One possibility is Texas, where 50,000 people packed

tilt, is the points leader with six. Erina Olkeriil and Taylor Watanabe both have four points.

Sign-up begins at 7:30 pm on Sundays and Tuesdays. Opponents are chosen by blind draw for the double elimination tournament. Play follows Billiard Congress of America rules.

The Oct. 4 winner will win \$100, with \$50 for second place.

For more information, please call Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. (PR)

Simeon Kapileo is the points leader with six in the series of qualifying tournaments for the USSP Labor Day Customer Appreciation 8-ball tournament.

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Matthew Duenas made a big defensive stop in the ensuing play, blocking Mike Olaitiman, who pulled up for a fadeaway jumper.

The Sixers then got the rebound and with the clock reading at 24 seconds, they just needed to waste the time to secure the win.

The Runnin' Rebels after a botched play were lost, as they could not decide whether to foul right away with the clock ticking or opted for a steal. When they finally decided to foul, only 3.3 seconds were left in the game.

Ada stepped to the stripe anew for a pair of free throws and muffed the first one. He also missed the second charity and in the rebound play, Sylvan Teregeyo had a piece of the ball, but could not control it, as Kevin Belyeu-Cabrera tried to tap it. When Teregeyo finally had the leather, time had ran out, preserving the Sixers' win.

The Sixers got off to a good start, as Matthew Duenas drilled eight points in the first period for the team's 26-19 lead.

However, the Runnin' Rebels outrun and outgunned the Sixers in the next two quarters,

34-22 and 34-24, to take the driver's seat.

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Scoring by quarters: 26-19, 53-48, 72-87, 112-112, 124-123 (OT).

Tribune Sports Scores

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	61	35	.635	—
Tampa Bay	58	38	.604	3
Boston	55	43	.561	7
Toronto	49	48	.505	12 1/2
Baltimore	31	66	.320	30 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	53	43	.552	—
Minnesota	52	46	.531	2
Detroit	50	45	.526	2 1/2
Kansas City	42	55	.433	11 1/2
Cleveland	41	56	.423	12 1/2

West Division

Texas	57	41	.582	—
Los Angeles	52	48	.520	6
Oakland	49	48	.505	7 1/2
Seattle	38	60	.388	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	57	40	.588	—
Philadelphia	51	46	.526	6
New York	50	48	.510	7 1/2
Florida	48	49	.495	9
Washington	42	56	.429	15 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	55	44	.556	—
St. Louis	54	44	.551	1/2
Milwaukee	46	53	.465	9
Chicago	45	53	.459	9 1/2
Houston	39	58	.402	15
Pittsburgh	34	63	.351	20

West Division

San Diego	57	39	.594	—
San Francisco	55	43	.561	3
Los Angeles	52	46	.531	6
Colorado	51	46	.526	6 1/2
Arizona	37	61	.378	21

Yesterday's Games

Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 5
Philadelphia 10, Colorado 2
L.A. Dodgers 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 13 innings
Cincinnati 7, Houston 0
San Diego 9, Pittsburgh 2
Atlanta 10, Florida 5
Milwaukee 4, Washington 3
San Francisco 10, Arizona 4
Kansas City 7, N.Y. Yankees 4
Oakland 10, Chicago White Sox 2
Minnesota 7, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 3
Toronto 3, Detroit 2
L.A. Angels 6, Texas 2
Seattle 5, Boston 1

CANADIAN OPEN SCORES

TORONTO (AP) — Scores Saturday from the Canadian Open, a \$5.1 million U.S. PGA event at the 7,079-yard, par-70 St. George's Golf and Country Club:

THIRD ROUND

Dean Wilson 65-65-65-195

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROLLERS

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ceived seven points of help from teammate Eli Aughenbaugh late in the last period.

In the last half, Hossain scored 13 for Kagman and received seven points from Jimmy Brel, but the Rollers did not allow Kagman to play their run-and-gun style of play. The Rollers won the battle of the boards down low and controlled the tempo of the game.

Kagman executed a valiant effort in the final minutes, but were still a day late and a dollar short to take the win.

The Rollers' tree trunks—Talalemotu, Aughenbaugh, Ham

Weekend Sports

CNMI athletes shine in off-island tourneys

CNMI athletes made the Commonwealth proud after their impressive performance in off-island tournaments last week.

First on the list was MMA fighter Keli "Rukiz" Manglona, who knocked out his opponent in MMA Xplosion's Fight Night at the Rio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada on July 17.

Manglona, who currently trains in Las Vegas with the Wand Fight Team under Wanderlei Silva and Legion BJJ under Cameron Diffley, took only

46 seconds in the first round to knock out Joey Guevara. The Tinian resident improved to a 6-0 win-loss card.

A day after Manglona won his Nevada bout, two CNMI triathletes survived the grueling 30th Annual Kaike Triathlon Championships in Japan.

Mieko Carey and Joshua Manglona finished the 3-kilometer swim, the 145-k bike race, and 42.19-k run race with times of 9:56:38 and 12:08:42,

respectively. Carey was the third finisher in the women's division of the race, which saw more than 100 participants quit the event due to exhaustion.

Over at San Diego, California, CNMI junior golfer made the cut in the 2010 Callaway Junior World Golf Championships and had a strong finish in the three-round tournament.

The 11-year-old golfer had an eagle on the par-5, 473-yard No. 14 hole to add with his two

birdies and eight pars in the third round, giving him a gross score of 7-over 80 in the par-73 course.

Joining Macaranas, Keli and Joshua Manglona, and Mieko Carey on the list of athletes who brought honors to the CNMI this month were the CNMI Senior All-Stars. The Commonwealth's youth sluggers won a World Series slot, two weeks ago, and were given a hero's welcome when they returned on Saipan last Monday.

In local events, *Shamrock Warrior* topped the 26th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament, while Jeff Race ruled the Saipan Summer Tennis Open 2010.

The John Guerrero-captained boat brought in an 8-foot long, 248-lb blue marlin to take the grand prize of the annual event, while Race downed Peter Loyola in the men's open finals, 6-4, 6-4, of the pre-Micro Games tournament.

In other events, the Budweiser caging had its last playing week to give way to the 7th Micronesian Games, while other basketball leagues—Miller Lite and UBA—played on outdoor courts continued to be halted by rain.

The Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010 was safe from rain as the tournament kicked off last week on the indoor court at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.

After two days of competition, seven pairs remained unbeaten in the doubles tournament.



The CNMI Senior League All-Stars flash the No. 1 sign and show off the 2010 Asia-Pacific Regional championship banner following a courtesy call at the Governor's Office in Capital Hill. Also in photo are Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, right, and CNMI District Administrator James Ada, left.



▲ Mieko Carey holds the third place trophy she won during the 30th Annual Kaike Triathlon Championships in Japan last Sunday.

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Heo In Sook, left, reaches in for the shuttlecock, while teammate Annette Quiambao looks on during their game against Merlie Tolentino and Elna Curate in the women's C doubles division of the Tan Holdings Doubles Badminton Competition 2010 last week at the REM Center in Gualo Rai.



► Joshua Manglona holds the CNMI flag at the finish line of the Kaike triathlon race in Japan last week.

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WALTER SUTHERLAND
Tinian's Keli "Rukiz" Manglona has his right arm raised by the referee after knocking out Joey Guevara in the first round of their middleweight bout in MMA Xplosion's Fight Night held last July 17 at the Rio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
John Guerrero, standing left, and Tony Scragg, right, pose with their winning catch and their supporters at the weighing station at Smiling Cove Marina during the 6th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Hoegaarden IT&E's Darwin Barbo, right, drives to the baseline against Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces' Marvin Rabauliman during their game in the Budweiser caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last week.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Kagman 1-2-3's Frank Mettao drives against a Sonics defender during their rained-out game in the UBA caging last week at the Garapan Basketball Court.



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Modest target for CNMI ping-pong bets

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Editor's note: This is the third article of a series of 11 that will feature CNMI teams set to compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

With its lean roster, the CNMI Table Tennis Team is setting a reasonable goal in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

"The team's target is to defend the championships it won in the last Micro Games here on Saipan—the men's team event and the men's doubles," team captain Steven Lim said.

Joining Lim on the team are Budhi Gurung, Luke Lu Jun, and Su Yong Dong. The CNMI does not have a women's squad for next month's quadrennial event. All five members of the Palau-bound squad were part of the CNMI Team, which clinched four gold medals, three silver, and three bronze in the 2006 Micronesian Games to win the overall championship in table tennis.

Lu was the gold medalist in the men's doubles after teaming up with Chen Lin Ying. Gurung and partner Charlie Chen took the silver medal, while Guam and Kiribati both won a silver medal. The CNMI then won the team event.



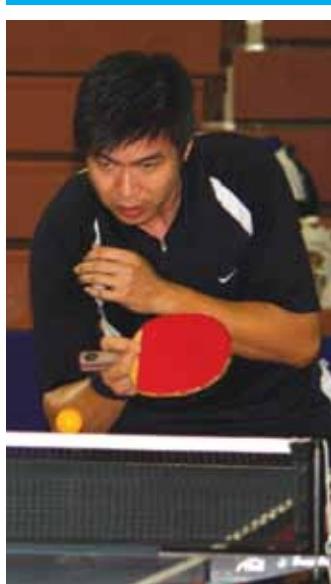
Gurung



Lim



Lu



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"Tia de Preril" against Kiribati and the Marshall Islands

This year, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands listed no table tennis teams on the Micronesian Games online registration, leaving Lim and company a bit clueless about their foes.

"The team's biggest challenge is uncertainty rather than a known rival. It will be the first time that Pohnpei will participate in table tennis in a very long time, and we heard good things about its program, so we may face a high level competition from Pohnpei players. Palau has also had good training, and it has a mixture of youth and experience on its team for these Games," Lim said.

"Although the CNMI had the best performances back in 2006, four years is a lot of time for the other Micronesian nations to improve and strengthen. There were some very strong competitors who did not participate in the Saipan Micronesian Games in 2006, and there are new young players who have improved tremendously, so we certainly do not assume any superiority or guaranteed success as they may be present for these Games," he said.

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Sixers trip Runnin' Rebels in OT



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Michelob Ultra Sixers' Joe Ada, left, goes for a fastbreak layup against the O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels Ivan De Vero during their game in the Budweiser caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last Friday.

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The Michelob Ultra Sixers completed a come-from-behind win over the O'Doul's Runnin' Rebels after pulling off a thrilling 124-123 victory in overtime during the first game in the 2010 Budweiser Men's Basketball League last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Sixers stole the win, their second against five losses, despite trailing in a run-and-gun game by 15 at the end of the third quarter, 72-87.

Joseph Ada led the Sixers' recovery, exploding for 48 points, including 17 in the fourth quarter and 10 of his team's 12 points in overtime. His fastbreak layup gave the Sixers 112-109 lead and Ada and company were 13.1 seconds away from victory.

However, a triple from Ivan De Vero prevented the Sixers from wrapping up the game in regulation.

After De Vero's triple that pegged the score to a deadlock, 112-all, the Sixers had 3.2 seconds to make the final play. Ernest Duenas inbounded the ball and passed it to Matthew Duenas near midcourt and the latter was clobbered by three defenders and was forced to throw the ball that just hit the back iron of the rim.

In overtime, Ada picked up where he left off, scoring the Sixers' first six points and with the former MHS guard still smoking in the extension period, Michelob remained in the lead, 123-119, going into the last 1:19 in the game.

However, several Sixers errors allowed the Runnin' Rebels to comeback with the former's last miscue resulting to an easy layup from Leroy Rangamar and a tied ballgame, 123-123.

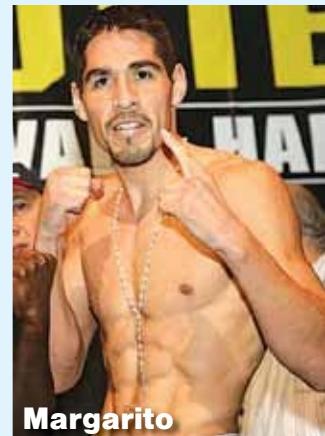
A split charity from Ada broke the deadlock, 124-123, with 36.7 seconds left in the game.

The Runnin' Rebels had a chance to seize the lead, but

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Pacquiao



Margarito

Pacquiao to fight Margarito on Nov. 13

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP SPORTS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Manny Pacquiao has turned his attention to former welterweight champion Antonio Margarito for a November fight, after his promoter could not get a deal signed against former pound-for-pound king Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Top Rank chief Bob Arum told The Associated Press on Saturday night that Pacquiao

will fight Margarito in a junior middleweight bout on Nov. 13. The location is still undecided because Margarito isn't currently licensed to fight in the United States, but Arum is moving ahead with the matchup anyway.

"We'll finalize everything this week," Arum said.

Margarito was chosen for the lucrative payday over junior middleweight titleholder Miguel Cotto, Arum said, because Pacquiao has al-

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Rollers A, Sixers win in UBA league



WALTER SUTHERLAND
Members of the top-seeded Rollers A team pose for a photo after their UBA Youth League game against Kagman 1-2-3 Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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The Rollers A team remained unbeaten in six games after knocking off their rivals from Kagman 1-2-3, 67-65, in the resumption of the rain-plagued UBA Youth League Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Kagman standouts Ichitaro Faisao and Sahj Hossain were contained to only six and eight points, respectively, in the first half.

Some Kagman role players tried to step up to fill the void, but the Rollers A team came out swinging from the tip off and

simply wanted it more.

Savali Talalemotu led the half for the Rollers with nine points and received mixed support from his teammates.

At the half, the Rollers, 35-30.

The Rollers broke out again in the second half and jumped to a double-digit lead.

For the majority of the game, the Rollers led from eight to 10 points, but Kagman was never really out of it. The 2009 U18 champs hung around and snuck back into the game.

Talalemotu put up 13 more points in the second half and re-



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